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Letter to UN raises hopes of early release for Terry Waite and other hostages

McCarthy flies home to freedom

1,943 days in captivity end in Damascus

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JOHN McCarthy savoured his first taste of freedom for more than five years yesterday when he was sent by his captors to request United Nations help to arrange an exchange deal that could lead to the release of all Western hostages in Lebanon.

The 34-year-old British television journalist emerged from the black hole of despair into the glaring light of hope to tell the world that he had left Terry Waite, Terry Anderson and Tom Sutherland in good health and good spirits two days ago. His jailers had also assured him that all the other hostages were well.

Mr McCarthy's release was greeted with delight across the world and the United Nations secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, said that he hoped an American would be freed within hours. But that would be all "for the time being. Then I will have to continue working." The special UN envoy sent to meet Mr McCarthy yesterday returned to the Bekaa Valley to prepare for the second possible release.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is expected to stop off in London on his way to Geneva at the weekend to meet Mr McCarthy and receive from him a personal letter from Islamic Jihad, the fundamentalist group that held him captive. Mr McCarthy told a press conference in Damascus that he understood the letter sought the secretary-general's help in freeing all hostages held in Lebanon and Israel.

Israel said yesterday that it would free prisoners demanded by the Lebanese kidnappers in exchange for missing Israeli soldiers. Ubi Lubrani, the Israeli government's Lebanon specialist, said: "If the contents (of the letter) speak of a deal in which our soldiers would be released, I don't see any reason why we wouldn't be involved in such a deal."

A cloud was cast over the euphoria of Mr McCarthy's release and the prospects of freedom for the other hostages, however, when a Frenchman was reported kidnapped in Lebanon yesterday. A man claiming to represent the "organisation for defending prisoners' and hostages' rights" telephoned two Beirut news agencies to say Lieutenant Jerome Leroux, a French intelligence officer, had been seized and would be killed if any other Westerner was freed. Officials were checking the report.

Mr McCarthy, who was flying to RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire last night after 1,943 days in captivity, is believed to have been freed in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and taken to the Syrian military headquarters at Anjar yesterday morning. He was met there by Giandomenico Picco, the UN secretary-general's special envoy, who accompanied him on the two-hour drive to Damascus.

There, showing no apparent sign of the psychological scars of his incarceration, he faced the world's press and said it was "very nice to be here after five years".

A photograph of Mr McCarthy issued just before his release showed him bearded and forlorn. Yesterday, he was clean-shaven, smiling and apparently in good health. He spoke calmly and lucidly, showing emotion only when he referred to his fellow hostages. "I am happy to be able to tell the families of the American hostages, Terry Anderson and Tom Sutherland, and my fellow Briton, Terry Waite, that when I left themn two days ago they werein good health and spirits and that our living conditions recently were tolerable, and you could call them good."

The British ambassador, Andrew Green, had saluted Mr McCarthy's inner strength and Mr McCarthy was quick to recognise the part his colleagues had played in maintaining it. "Whatever strength I have had for the past five years has really come from those men, and before them, Brian Keenan and Frank Reed, who I was also held with." Mr Keenan and Mr Reed had both been released earlier. Mr McCarthy added that Islamic Jihad had told him that the other Western hostages — including the Briton Jack Mann — were all being held in Lebanon and were in a good condition.

After the press conference, Mr McCarthy was taken to Mr Green's residence to be reunited with his father and brother, who joined him on the flight to RAF Lyneham, where his friend Jill Morrell was waiting to welcome him. Miss Morrell, who has spearheaded the campaign for Mr McCarthy's release, said that she was ecstatic. "It's impossible to describe the emotion, the elation. It completely overwhelms you. The main thing is that he is free. Now he has to pick up the threads of his life and start again. He has come out of a black hole into glaring light and he will be overwhelmed by it."

John Major, on holiday in Spain, expressed his delight at the news and vowed that Britain would continue to press for the release of all hostages. "We share the joy of his family and friends who have waited for this moment with such courage," he said. "We are, of course, painfully aware that Terry Waite and Jackie Mann remain in captivity. We will continue to do everything to secure their early release. We will also continue to press for the freeing of all hostages wherever they may be held."

President Bush also said that he was pleased that Mr McCarthy had been freed, but he and the rest of America remained on tenterhooks waiting to see if one of the six Americans held in Lebanon would also be freed. The presidential spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said: "While we are happy for the family of Mr McCarthy, we reiterate our appeal that all hostages be released immediately."

With the McCarthy family on the flight home from Damascus was a full RAF medical team from the military hospital at Wroughton, Wiltshire, trained and equipped to deal with everything from body lice to complex psychological problems. Mr McCarthy will have been offered counselling to help him cope not only with the strangeness of freedom, but also the stress of media attention. The hospital had a unit prepared in case Mr McCarthy needed immediate treatment.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Reunited: John McCarthy, centre, waves to the world's press with his father, Pat, and brother, Andrew, at the British embassy in Damascus yesterday

Overjoyed: Jill Morrell, driving force behind the national vigil for McCarthy, in London yesterday

Five very bad years in a young man's life

By Ray Clancy

JOHN McCarthy last night reflected on 1,943 days in captivity and said that after five years of harsh treatment he now wanted "to do everything"; but most of all he wanted to be at home.

"They have made my life very bad for five years. They have separated me from my friends and my family."

Mr McCarthy, giving his first television interview within six hours of being released, said that the first two years of his captivity were the toughest. His young guards had refused to talk, his conditions were poor and the food bad. But he said the men who held the hostages were fanatic but not totally heartless.

One of the most difficult things for the television journalist was not knowing why he had been deprived of his liberty. Even after five years and three months as a hostage he was still not sure why he had been taken, apart from the fact that he had blonde hair and was clearly "a Westerner".

"It has been a very, very long time. There were times when it seemed it would never end. One kept hearing news and thought maybe now, maybe now and then it would go away," he said on Syrian television in Damascus. He thought he was held "for my passport. I was British, a Westerner, but for years they said nothing to me. I asked them: 'Why? Why are you holding me?' They said: 'No'."

He described how his fellow hostages kept him going. "The men that I was with, Terry Waite, Terry Anderson and Tom Sutherland, were very strong men. They supported me and I hope I supported them."

Mr McCarthy said that Mr Waite had been "very sick" with a lung problem, possibly asthma. He had been taken to a doctor by his captors and given treatment and medicine.

He also described the pressures and the tensions of being kept in a small and confined space with little news coming in from the outside world. "I think for all of us it was a constant strain, a constant pressure on us and we had to work very hard between us to keep our spirits up, to keep ourselves happy and determined to carry on. We have done that very well, I think.

"The first two years for all of us were very difficult, in poor conditions. For the past three years, certainly for the past two years, things have improved a lot, relations with the guards and the food, and living conditions have improved greatly."

He said his guards were young men who regretted their cruelty but believed in their cause and were clearly working to orders.

Keenan urges restraint

By A Staff Reporter

BRIAN Keenan, John McCarthy's fellow hostage who was released a year ago, appeals in *The Times* today for his return not to become an intrusive media circus.

The next few weeks will be among the most trying for Mr McCarthy as he pieces together his life, Mr Keenan says. "I am fearful that a well-intentioned but nevertheless insensitive press will be in hot pursuit," he writes.

"In the name of decency and in compassion for John McCarthy, his friends and especially his family ... I would ask and impress upon the public and the press to measure their activities with restraint and humanity."

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What he missed as the world slipped by

By Alan Hamilton

OF ALL the 1,943 days' worth of news John McCarthy will now be catching up on, the most distressing will be the most personal. He was released on what would have been his mother's 69th birthday, but unknown to him she died during his captivity.

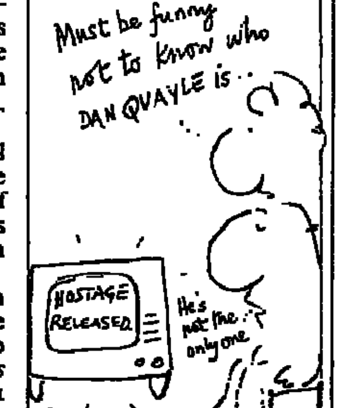
Much of the rest of the ever-turning world he will find merely confusing, such as why staff at the British embassy in Damascus insist on referring to the prime minister as "he". When Mr McCarthy was seized on April 17, 1986, John Major was a mere parliamentary under-secretary of state at the then DHSS. The world he left still had Sir Geoffrey Howe in the cabinet, Soviet troops in Afghanistan, Nelson Mandela in jail, and Derek Hatton in the Labour party. The Davids ran the Alliance, and Ken Livingstone the GLC. The Duke of York was a single man, and his mother's subjects paid things called rates. Mr McCarthy's incarceration will render puzzling to him Kylie Minogue, Pamela Bordes, Ninja Turtles, Tiananmen Square, *The Satanic Verses*, Gazza, BSkyB and "outing".

He will be lost at parties when they speak of acid house, New Kids on the Block, Helen Sharman, Canary Wharf, Dan Quayle, Black Monday, hot summers and hurricanes, Gatting's captaincy or the hand of God that helped Argentina to the World Cup. When his liberty was snatched from him, Navratilova had won Wimbledon a mere three times, and Aids was the ailment of an unhappy few.

Much tragedy will have passed him by: the Lockerbie 269, the Zeebrugge 188, the Piper Alpha 166, the Hillsborough 95, the King's Cross 31, the Enniskillen 11. Northern Ireland, he will find, is depressingly unchanged. He will know nothing of the Gulf war and its terrible environmental aftermath, causing astronauts to report that the burning oil wells have thrown a girdle of smog around the Earth. He has missed triumph too; an England victory, on an English wicket, against the West Indies.

But what may surprise him most of all is that a contributory factor to his release may have been the perceived ending of the Cold War. Now President Reagan's successor tutors his Soviet counterpart in free market economics.

All in all, there is much too much even for a journalist like Mr McCarthy to take in; better that he eases himself back into the world gradually, with a visit to *Miss Saigon*. Or he could put his feet up at home with the video of *The Darling Buds of May* for company; his faith in human nature should then be restored.



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Bakhtiar slain in Paris

Dr Shapour Bakhtiar, the last prime minister of Iran under the Shah, was found murdered at his home in a Paris suburb yesterday.

Although no group claimed responsibility for the killing, it appeared to be an attempt to embarrass the Tehran government of President Rafsanjani as it helped make a gesture to the West through the release of John McCarthy.

French police were said to know the identity of the last person to see Mr Bakhtiar alive. All French ports and borders were being watched last night .... Page 10

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An unbeaten 54 by Robin Smith helped to stabilise England's shaky batting yesterday on the first day of the final Test match against West Indies at The Oval. At the end of play, England had reached 231 for four. After getting off to the perfect start, England seemed in danger of collapsing when Morris, Atherton and Gooch fell for just eight runs during a spell of hostile fast bowling .... Page 36

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West's relationship with new Iran holds key to future releases

Rafsanjani: trying to improve Iran's image

THE release of John McCarthy yesterday is, by all accounts, the beginning of the end of the ordeal of the Western hostages in Lebanon. A very bumpy road still lies ahead, however, for the remaining 11, who include two Britons.

The dominant faction within the Iranian theocracy wants the saga ended and forgotten as soon as possible. President Rafsanjani hopes to pay a series of state visits to the West this year to symbolise Iran's "return to civilisation".

Mr Rafsanjani has also understood the message that the Bush administration has been trying to convey: Iran will not enjoy normal trade and diplomatic relations as long as the hostages are not released.

The Western hostages were seized when Ayatollah Khomeini wanted to export his revolution and frighten the West out of the Middle East. Now prospects for the spread of the Islamic revolution appear dim and the West is back in the region in full force. The American "Great Satan" is, in fact, the dominant power in the Middle East today. It is Iran that is excluded from talks on security in the Gulf and peace in the Middle East as a whole.

For the Islamic republic to be given a role in these exciting times it has to shed its image of "a nation supporting international terrorism". Mr Rafsanjani is determined to do that. Logically, the hostages should all be set free.

The Iranian leader began working for their release in 1988. It took him a long time to dislodge the original hardline leadership of Hezbollah (Party of God), the Lebanese movement that includes the kidnapping clans. A new leadership close to Mr Rafsanjani's faction in Tehran was installed last spring. He might have succeeded earlier had it not been for the Gulf conflict.

Iran still insists, however, on a gesture of appreciation, especially from the United States. This could come in the form of removing the American veto on the sale of certain non-military

The prospects of the Islamic revolution spreading appear to be subsiding as Tehran tries to improve its image, but Amir Taheri reports that the route to the other hostages' freedom is strewn with obstacles

equipment by West European countries to Iran. Syria, the other country with influence in Lebanon and thus capable of exerting pressure on the kidnappers, has received many such gestures from Washington. President Assad has been given a free hand to tighten his stranglehold on Lebanon. Now he is a privileged partner in the Baker peace plan. Iran has received nothing but snubs.

This year President Bush insisted that Iran's name should remain on the list of "nations supporting international terrorism" for another year — although there have been no Iranian-sponsored attacks on American interests since summer 1988.

But giving Iran a pat on the back will not be enough to free the remaining hostages. The new leadership of the Hezbollah is not yet fully in control and it needs at least a pat on its own shoulder too. This could come in the form of the release by Israel of some of the 470 Lebanese Shia Muslims and Palestinians held in Israel. The release of Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid could be a great help to the party's new leaders.

There are further complications regarding the two German hostages and the sole Italian. The Hezbollah wants the German government to release or at least reduce the sentence of two Lebanese terrorists now in German jails. The Bonn authorities are not opposed to a deal in principle, but Washington is against any concessions on that score.

Similarly, Italy holds at least six members of the Hezbollah in its jails. If the new party leadership, backed by Mr Rafsanjani, can obtain the release of at least some of those held in Germany and Italy, its prestige would soar among Lebanon's Shias.

There is one far more complicated problem. The Hezbollah wants guaranteed immunity from prosecution or assassination after all the hostages have been released. Such a guarantee must come from the United States, Britain, Germany and Italy — whose citizens are captive in Lebanon.

The kidnappers are all known to Western and Israeli intelligence. They are afraid of being murdered by Western or Israeli hit squads after all the hostages have gone home.

The least that they could fear is to have their names put on an international blacklist. This would put them in the same category as other terrorists such as Abu Nidal and Abu Abbas who dare not travel to any country where the West might be able to catch them.

In the previous hostage release agreements — with the American and French governments — these guarantees were issued through Iran, which officially negotiated on the behalf of the kidnappers. Now Iran no longer wants to be involved in such negotiations and tries to foster the fiction that it exerts only "humanitarian influence" on the hostage-holders.

The required guarantee is, therefore, being sought through the the United Nations secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar. He is in no position to offer such a guarantee himself, but he can pass on the message.

Will the Western governments be prepared to forget and forgive and allow established criminals to enjoy judicial immunity? When all is said and done the central question is: what should the West do about recent changes in Iran?

ISRAEL'S REACTION

Jerusalem stands firm on call for swap of servicemen

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL insisted yesterday that it will not give in to demands that it frees hundreds of Lebanese Shia Muslim captives, whose freedom could clinch the release of the remaining Western hostages in Beirut, unless captured Israeli servicemen are also included in the swap.

Israel, which could emerge as the key to the release of further Western kidnap victims in Lebanon, said it welcomed the freedom of John McCarthy but emphasised that its interests remained the return of six soldiers and one airman still missing in Lebanon.

"There is no indication that this process includes our soldiers," Uri Lubrani, Israel's co-ordinator in Lebanon, said. "But we obviously welcome any kind of release like this because we hope it signals the start of a dynamic which could bring our boys home." However, in remarks, which are likely to anger Western governments with nationals being held hostage, Mr Lubrani said: "Our stance is firm and we will not budge on it.

"We will not be willing to free anyone that is under our control until we are convinced that our soldiers would be included in such a deal."

When he was released yesterday, Mr McCarthy said he was carrying a letter to be delivered to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, which called for the release of an estimated 400 prisoners, mostly Shia Lebanese militiamen, from south Lebanon. Most are held by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army militia at a prison near the village of Khiam near the Israeli border, but a few dozen more important figures, including Hezbollah chief Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, are imprisoned in Israel.

In spite of repeated calls by the international community, Israel has refused to free any of the captives, most of whom are being held as hostages to be used in human trade. One Israeli official said: "It is very ugly and harsh when you begin trading in human lives, but that is the only way we can ever hope of getting our people back."

The Israeli ministry of defence, which conceded that possibly only one or two of its men were still alive, said that it was prepared to bargain but first wanted the International Committee of the Red Cross to be granted access to the servicemen

"Following that, Israel will be ready to conduct negotiations on the release of Lebanese prisoners under its authority in return for the captured and missing Israeli soldiers," a spokesman said.

Of the seven Israelis missing one Druze soldier, Samir Assad, is thought to have died in captivity. Three of the men disappeared during a tank battle in 1982 and have not been heard of since. Two riflemen, Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh, were captured in a Hezbollah ambush in 1985, although at least one of them was known to have been badly wounded. Ron Arad, an air force navigator shot down in 1986, is believed to be alive and held by Hezbollah.

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BEIRUT'S CHANGES

Capital liberated from pall of hate

From ALI JABER IN BEIRUT

BEIRUT could hardly have been recognised by John McCarthy yesterday. The city from which he was kidnapped five years ago was at the time plunged into a dark age of civil war and militia rule. Muslim militants were roaming its lawless, battle-torn streets hunting foreigners as if they were wild dogs.

The glimpse Mr McCarthy had of Beirut during his trip to freedom yesterday would have shown him that the Lebanese capital has gone a long way towards recovering its old attraction.

The war that devastated Lebanon for 15 years was brought to an end by a new national reconciliation pact reached between the warring factions in 1989. The militias that terrorised the city for a decade and half have been dismantled, the kidnappers were outlawed and the Lebanese army and police, backed by a strong Syrian military presence, are now the sole rulers of the country.

The violence that drove an estimated three-quarters of a million people out of the country no longer holds sway. This summer about 500,000 people flooded into Beirut, bringing a breath of fresh air back to a city that had been in despair for too long.

Foreigners no longer fear going out late at night to restaurants and bars. Their nightmare, Hezbollah, or the party of God, has vanished. The group's members, bearded men in Iranian combat uniforms, have been disarmed and confined to the city's southern slums.

Mr McCarthy and his fellow hostages were not alone in their captivity: the whole country was held hostage. Like the captives in their cells, Beirut's civilian residents lived in dark, grim and damp underground shelters, hiding year after year from the ever-battling factions.

THOSE WHO REMAIN IN CAPTIVITY

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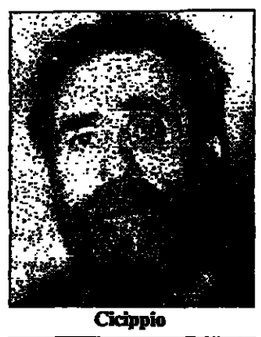

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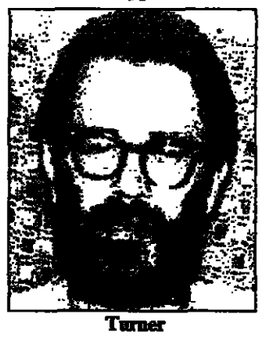

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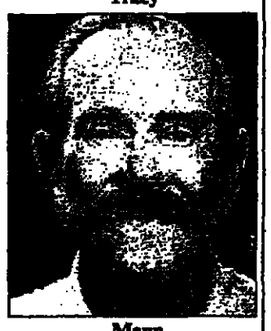

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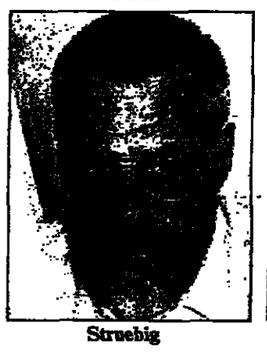


Struebig

Kemptner

THE following is a chronological list of foreigners missing in Lebanon.

1985

March 16: **Terry Anderson**, American (born Oct 27, 1947) from Lorain, Ohio. Chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press. Held by Islamic Jihad.

June 9: **Thomas Sutherland**, American (born May 3, 1931). Scottish-born but from Colorado. Dean of agriculture at the American university of Beirut. Held by Islamic Jihad.

Sept 11: **Alberto Molinari**, Italian (born Sept 11, 1919). Insurance company employee who had lived in Lebanon for more than 20 years.

1986

Sept 12: **Joseph James Cicippio**, American (born Sept 13, 1930). Deputy comptroller of AUB, from Norristown, Pennsylvania. Held by Revolutionary Justice Organisation (RJO).

Oct 21: **Edward Austin Tracy**, American (born Nov 20, 1930). Book salesman, from Burlington, Vermont. Held by the RJO.

1987

Jan 20: **Terry Waite**, British (born May 31, 1939). Envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, from Blackheath, southeast London, disappeared during mission to free Western hostages.

Jan 24: **Alann Steen**, American (born April 22, 1939). Professor of mass communications at Beirut university college (BUC), from Boston, Massachusetts. Held by the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine (IJLP).

Jan 24: **Jesse Turner**, American (born July 30, 1947). Professor of computer science and mathematics at BUC, from Boise, Idaho. Seized with Steen and held by the IJLP.

1989

May 12: **Jackie Mann**, British (born June 11, 1914). Retired airline pilot and nightclub manager, who had lived in Lebanon for more than 40 years.

May 16: **Heinrich Struebig**, German (born April 21, 1941). Aid worker for Asme Humanitas Relief Agency (AHRA) which cares for Palestinian refugees. Held by the Freedom Strugglers.

May 16: **Thomas Kemptner**, German (born May 11, 1961). AHRA aid worker, seized with Struebig.

Other foreigners whose fate in Lebanon is a contentious issue include:

Four Iranians seized at a Christian militia checkpoint in 1982 — **Mohsen Mussavi**, Iranian chargé d'affaires, **Ahmad Motavasselian**, Revolutionary Guard commander, **Kazem Akhavan**, photographer for the Iranian News Agency, and their driver **Taqi Rastegar Moqaddam**.

Seven Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon. Israel believes the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) holds three — an airman, **Ron Arad**, and two soldiers captured in south Lebanon in 1986.

Israel believes another **group of four** — a tank crew missing after Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon — were captured either by Syrian troops or Syrian-backed Palestinian fighters.

IRAN'S ROLE

Tehran decides the time is ripe

By HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

SHEIKH Muhammad Husain Fadlallah, the overall leader of the Hezbollah (Party of God) in Lebanon, told a visiting group of Iraqi Shia muslim clerics in March that the holding of Western hostages had become counterproductive.

"We would admit to you that we would free all our prisoners today if it were up to us alone. But Mr Rafsanjani believes that the time is not yet ripe, that the Americans will still come round to accepting Iran's demands," he said.

Sheikh Fadlallah told his visitors that the Americans and British were happy to use the suffering of their captured subjects as propaganda against Islam. He said that Iran's main aim was to win the freeing of its assets in the United States, seized in 1979 after the storming of the American embassy in Tehran and believed by Iran to be worth about $5,000 million (£3,000 million).

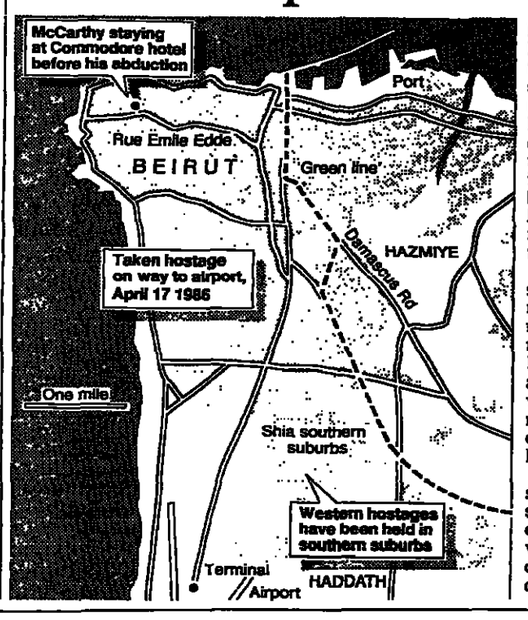
Sheikh Fadlallah told his fellow clerics that without the help of the Iranian government headed by President Rafsanjani, the Hezbollah movement, with its plethora of charities and militias, would collapse within weeks. He also claimed that there were no factions involved in the abductions of Westerners, in spite of the claims made in the name of different organisations. "All the prisoners are in the control of us, the central committee of the Hezbollah, and we are not beholden to any factions in Iran, save the government there," Sheikh Fadlallah said.

If the Hezbollah leader was telling the truth, and if the reporting of the Iraqi Shia leaders was accurate, the release yesterday in Beirut of John McCarthy does not represent a change in the position of the Hezbollah. It represents, rather, a shift in the position of the government in Tehran.

Iran's influence in the region has been gradually marginalised in recent years. Iran is not, for example, able to persuade Syria, its erstwhile ally, to refrain from taking part in the coming Middle East peace conference. Nor has Tehran been able to stop the army of the Lebanese state, under Syrian sponsorship, from pushing into South Lebanon to disarm the Hezbollah militia.

Nevertheless, the Hezbollah and Iran will both be looking for some reward. This might take the form of a release of some of Israel's Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners, a partial release of Iran's frozen assets in the America, or loans to Iran by the World Bank. The problem for the West is that some factions in Iran are still suspected of participation in guerrilla action abroad — including, perhaps, yesterday's assassination in Paris of Shaphour Bakhtiar.

Arab Pimpernel found a way through for his foreign friends



Richard Beeston, who left Beirut two days before John McCarthy was kidnapped, recalls the fear and suspicion pervading the city

MEHDI Abdul Mehdi bears little physical resemblance to the Scarlet Pimpernel. He is short, excitable and decidedly unaristocratic in appearance. But for those foreigners lucky enough to have known him at the height of the kidnappings in Lebanon in the mid-1980s, he was as invaluable as was Dumas's fictional character to the condemned members of the French nobility.

Mehdi still recalls with satisfaction the last trip we made together to Beirut international airport, the most notorious stretch of road in Lebanon, where foreigners and Lebanese alike were vulnerable to regular kidnappings from roving groups of gunmen from the Shia Muslim slums near by.

He had made the journey successfully on previous occasions with a number of foreigners — one American university professor was camouflaged in the back seat of his car by several small children, another rode on the back of a motorcycle with his face hidden beneath a helmet — but somehow our last trip always sticks in his mind.

"You were lucky, very, very lucky, that day", he recalled with a grin when we met last month for the first time in five years. He had driven me through the twisting, potholed backstreets of Beirut on April 15, 1986, avoiding the most dangerous stretches of the main road only hours after American warplanes attacked Libya from bases in Britain and an open day was declared by gunmen on all Westerners in Beirut.

The atmosphere in the Lebanese capital in the run-up to the raid had already been deteriorating and, like most foreigners, my life was becoming ruled by a set of precautions against abduction that left me a prisoner in my home and office.

Although Beirut still held a seductive side to its character in spite of the rash of kidnappings, the danger lurking close to the surface was brought home one night a couple of weeks before my departure, when I said goodnight to two British friends, Leigh Douglas and Philip Padfield, as they left the popular Back Street nightclub, and set off on foot for home. They were intercepted by gunmen on their way and later their bullet-riddled bodies were dumped outside Beirut on the day that John McCarthy was seized.

The shrinking British community then suffered another setback when Brian Keenan, my next-door neighbour, was abducted as he walked to work on the street outside my flat on April 11.

For those Westerners still in Beirut, life became overshadowed with paranoia and the trip to and from the office was filled with the fear of becoming the latest victim of the bearded young gunmen in the black Mercedes Benz.

Roger Auque, a French photographer living in Beirut, still managed to find a humorous, if somewhat morbid, side to our predicament. One day he took my picture, explaining that he needed it for the day I too would be abducted. The joke backfired the next year, however, when he became a hostage himself for ten months.

Everyone who survived that period in Beirut is still haunted by the thought that they could have disappeared for five or six years, chained to a radiator in a stinking makeshift cell somewhere in Beirut's suburbs.

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British sense of humour survived darkest despair

By Alice Thomson

THROUGHOUT his 1,943 days in captivity, John McCarthy never lost his very British sense of humour. Aged 28, he became the youngest of the Beirut hostages. But despite his youth he never cracked up, even when blindfolded and beaten, according to Brian Keenan, his fellow hostage, who was released a year ago. "How can I forget him, his humour, his abundant love of life, which at so many times seemed to diminish to almost extinction those grinding moments of hopelessness?" Mr Keenan said.

Mr McCarthy was born in Barnet, north London, and educated at Haileybury and Hull university. He was given his first job in television in 1982 as a scriptwriter for World Television News. Four years later he was given his first foreign assignment as acting bureau chief of the group's Lebanon bureau.

He arrived in Lebanon in 1986, only five weeks before he was abducted. He lived at the Commodore hotel, home to the foreign press corps and only a short walk from his office. When the American F111s bombed Libya on April 14 most news organisations decided to withdraw their correspondents. Later the same day the bodies of two Britons and an American were found just outside Beirut, murdered as an act of revenge by supporters of Libya.

While preparing to leave on April 17, Mr McCarthy broke one of the foremost security rules by saying goodbye to his friends and hotel staff before leaving in a two-car convoy for the airport. He had been travelling only a few minutes when the car was stopped by four gunmen who had been tipped off. "They didn't ask anything," said Qasm Dergham, one of the group with Mr McCarthy. "They just went to the car and pulled John out by his hair, shouting: 'If anyone moves, we kill him'."

John McCarthy biting back tears yesterday

Mr McCarthy simply vanished. Nothing was heard, not a photograph produced to give a clue to his whereabouts. An obscure group, the Revolutionary Commando Cell, never heard of before or since, claimed responsibility. For four years no one knew of his fate. Hopes of his survival slowly dwindled, the only comfort for his family being that there was no evidence he was dead.

Then, in 1988, Jean-Paul Kauffmann, a French hostage, was released and gave the first indication that Mr McCarthy had not been murdered. M Kauffmann said he had seen the Briton inside "Hostage Hilton", in impenetrable south Beirut, where most of the kidnapped foreigners are believed to have been hidden. He described the appalling conditions in which they were held, manacled and blindfolded in basement cells.

The American Frank Reed provided a more positive picture when he was released in April last year. He had seen Mr McCarthy and Mr Keenan only eight days earlier and said they were in comparatively good health. "John is in good spirits, exercising regularly and enjoying his daily ration of six cigarettes. More importantly, his sense of humour has not deserted him," Mr Reed said. He added that Mr McCarthy and Mr Keenan were supporting each other through the crisis.

For a few months in 1988 they had a radio, and followed the news on the BBC's World Service. Then the radio was taken away and Mr McCarthy never learnt of the death from cancer of his mother, Sheila, in July 1989 after she begged to be reunited with her son.

During the last four years of his captivity, Mr McCarthy's plight was highlighted by his friend Jill Morrell. She set up The Friends of John McCarthy to badger for his release. It is the group's posters which will greet him when he returns home, proving that he was not alone in counting the days until he was free.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Prayers of joy: a quickly-mustered congregation at St Bride's, the journalists' church in Fleet Street, celebrates the release of John McCarthy

REACTION AT HOME

Unconcealed joy greets release

By David Young

THE news of John McCarthy's release was greeted with unconcealed joy by those who had been in captivity with him, those who had campaigned for his release, those who had become politically involved and by those who had been untouched by his captivity.

News of his release was flashed around the world by radio bulletin. London Underground made an announcement to passengers over its tannoy system, bringing outbreaks of applause.

Roger Cooper, the British businessman freed from a Tehran jail earlier this year, said that Mr McCarthy would meet "a huge battery of media attention" and would have to take things slowly.

"He will be under quite a lot of pressure from family, friends, colleagues," Mr Cooper said. "Unless he goes rather slowly, which I did not, he might find it a bit of a letdown in the weeks after."

Sunny Mann, the wife of the British hostage Jackie Mann, spoke of her delight for Mr McCarthy's family and her anguish when she heard that her husband was not to be released. "I don't know how I got through yesterday or last night when I heard it was going to be John."

Terry Waite's brother, David, said: "It's wonderful to know that John is once again free and will soon be back with his family and friends — free again to get on with his life.

"All the hostage families are grateful for the diplomatic efforts which have helped to bring about this release. We fervently hope that today's release is quickly followed by the release of all other hostages currently held captive of whatever nationality or creed and for whatever purpose."

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said: "It is wonderful for John McCarthy and for his family, and for those who have fought so hard to keep his imprisonment in the public mind. We must all hope this presages a change of mood to show that hostage-taking is not acceptable in a civilised world, and we must hope that this will lead to the prospects of a negotiated peace and that the Middle East peace conference can have a positive outcome."

● Daily prayers for the return of Terry Waite will now be said with renewed vigour in homes and churches across the country after the disclosure by Mr McCarthy that he saw the Church of England special envoy two days ago. The news was, however, tempered by Mr McCarthy adding that Mr Waite had been "very sick" with asthma and had been taken to a doctor

David Waite said: "We are overjoyed to hear that Terry is alive and well."

SUPPORTERS' JOY

Jill Morrell raises a glass to end of successful campaign

By Michael Horsnell

CLUTCHING a red rose, Jill Morrell, the woman who sustained the national vigil for John McCarthy during his incarceration through a relentless campaign for his release, yesterday described her ecstasy at his freedom.

Miss Morrell, aged 32, who refused to abandon him to his fate for the five years that followed his capture, said: "The main thing is that he is free. Now he has to pick up the threads of his life and start again."

But amid scenes of pandemonium at a London hotel she warned: "He has come out of a black hole into glaring light and he will be overwhelmed by it."

Miss Morrell was speaking at a press conference where she sported a yellow ribbon on her blouse and toasted his freedom with a glass of mineral water.

She said she had learned the news from a telephone call while staying at the London flat of Karen Talbot, campaign director of the Friends of John McCarthy, and that her first reaction was ecstasy.

"Later, it was a mixture of emotions," she said. "There are so many emotions coming at you. It's impossible to describe.

"It's been five and a quarter years, of waiting, of wishing for something to happen. It's been a great deal of strain. Now, some of that strain has been lifted, but the most amazing thing is that time can start moving again."

During his captivity she never abandoned hope, concentrating instead on when the moment would come.

Miss Morrell, a television producer, kept a tight rein on her emotions as she spoke quietly about the ordeal, what the release will mean for Mr McCarthy and about the plight of the 11 remaining hostages. John would need to be protected from a "world he doesn't know anymore" and Miss Morrell implored the press to leave him alone.

She said that the friendship Mr McCarthy forged with Brian Keenan, the released Irish hostage, in captivity would be very important to him in the days ahead.

She had heard from the Foreign Office on Tuesday that something was happening, then it became more and more likely that it would be Mr McCarthy who was released. Miss Morrell, who has previously been critical of government action to secure the release of hostages, would not be drawn on the point yesterday and thanked all authorities who had brought about the release.

Another of those who campaigned for Mr McCarthy's release, Chris Pearson, added his voice to Miss Morrell's concern for the remaining hostages. "Our ecstasy is tempered very firmly by a number of concerns, first of all for the 11 hostages who remain behind, who are still without light and still in chains, for the 11 sets of family and friends who are going through agonies still and whose ordeal will also continue."

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Church dusts off its yellow ribbons

By Bill Frost

TWO traffic wardens were among the first to file into St Bride's off Fleet Street, the journalists' church, as a peal of pre-recorded bells rang out to celebrate the release of John McCarthy. The women doffed their caps and tied yellow ribbons to their satchels. "Well, it's a special day, you can't just go on handing out tickets as if nothing had happened," one said.

The Rev Holt Souder, visiting chaplain at St Bride's, had heard the good news shortly after 10am. "One of our lay assistants took the call from the BBC and I could tell by his face the news was good, very, very good."

Within half an hour the yellow ribbons, kept for just this occasion, had been dusted off and posters had been printed "A Special Service of Holy Communion in Thanksgiving for the Release of John McCarthy". Mr Souder ordered that the bells should be rung at maximum volume.

Rebecca Oates, whose father is the Canon of St Bride's, broke with her daily routine. "As usual I was changing the side altar display, which shows the time John has been in captivity. I wrote out 1,943 days. And then I heard he was free. I wrote out a new sticker which said 'Released'. I was so thrilled, this is a day I have been dreaming about," she said.

About 300 worshippers filled St Bride's for the lunchtime service. Not the good and the great, but secretaries, clerks and journalists.

As the choir sang, an old lady sobbed quietly at the back of the church. "My brother died during the last war in a German prison camp. He was so young, too. But John McCarthy is free, I wish him all the happiness in the world," she said.

Mr Souder said that candles for hostages would continue to burn at St Bride's. "This is a joyful day. But the vigil will continue until all the captives are set free."

THE FIRST WORDS

'My heart is very grateful'

THIS is the complete statement made to journalists by John McCarthy in Damascus:

Well, hello; it's very nice to be here after five years.

I would like just now to make a brief statement rather than answering any of your questions, if you'll forgive me.

I am very happy to be here and free in Damascus after five years in captivity. And I would like to thank my hosts here at the Syrian foreign ministry for their warm welcome, and thanks to the Syrian army for their help in escorting me here from Beirut this morning.

I am happy to be able to tell the families of the American hostages Terry Anderson and Tom Sutherland, and of my fellow Briton Terry Waite, that when I left them two days ago they were in good health and in good spirits, and that our living conditions recently are tolerable and I think we could call them good.

The ambassador kindly mentioned my strength of character. I will refer back to the two Americans and to Terry Waite, and say that whatever strength I have had to endure the past five years has really come from those men.

And before them, from Brian Keenan and Frank Reed, who I was also held with.

[Both Reid and Keenan have since been released].

I spoke yesterday at great length with my captors. I was held by the group called Islamic Jihad. They have given me a letter, which they wish me to deliver personally to the United Nations secretary general, Pérez de Cuéllar. I understand that the letter seeks the secretary general's help in arranging the release of all prisoners and hostages being held in Lebanon, and for those held in Israel.

I cannot say any more about that now, as the letter is clearly for the secretary general's personal attention. It would be better for him to make any comment.

My captors did tell me that whilst their group Islamic Jihad does not hold all the hostages, they could assure me that for all 11 Western hostages being held in Lebanon, health and living conditions are good.

I would like to thank all the people who have done so much on our behalf over the past five years — my family, my friends and colleagues, and all of those people who supported those campaigns.

Many of them I don't know, but I know that thousands have taken part and my heart is very grateful for all those efforts, and also for the efforts of the Anglican Church, whose primary envoy Terry Waite of course gave his freedom on our behalf, and also of course the diplomatic efforts which have been made and increasingly made over the years for the Western hostages.

I appeal to all these kind people to keep up their efforts to end the ordeal of my fellow hostages and all those who are held in similar conditions in the region.

Thank you. Thank you very much.

MEDICAL VIEW

Ordeal may cause sense of alienation

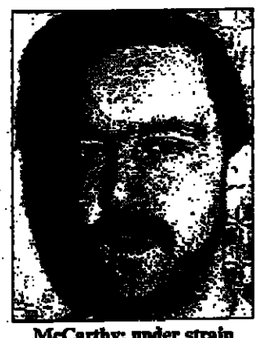
By Thomas Stuttaford

FIVE years in any environment changes a personality, even a strong one. Few men, for instance, who joined the military services during the second world war failed to alter, and it is an everyday observation that three years at university leaves an indelible mark, so imagine how much greater the effect of being in a prison would be.

John McCarthy will need understanding friends, for he will have certainly changed. Incarceration with no known date of release, or even the certainty of survival, physical brutality — sometimes intended, sometimes unintentional, movement from one prison to another with dangerous journeys in between, shortage of food and the threat of disease, even without the deprivation of intellectual stimulation and friendly human contact ... all will have given Mr. McCarthy a different approach to life.

Two world wars and the Korean conflict have provided psychiatrists with considerable experience in treating those who have returned from captivity. Returning prisoners of war from the Far East commonly found it hard to re-establish easy relationships with people they had known previously who had had an easier life. Tragically, the closer the relationships had been before the separation, very often the more difficult it was to resume the old pattern. Whatever outward show Mr McCarthy manages to effect, it is certain that inwardly he will be feeling insecure, wary and alienated from those who have not lived through the experiences he has suffered.

Beliefs, whether religious or political, are often changed radically by captivity. People may have either found faith or lost it while a prisoner, and those changes can cause considerable distress to family and friends. Many of the problems of everyday life seem absolutely trivial when viewed by people to whom survival to the next day has been all important. Any propensity Mr McCarthy might have had to specific psychiatric disease may have been uncovered during the past five years, or it may now appear as he settles down to normal life. If it does, he will need appropriate therapy.



McCarthy: under strain during his captivity

His physical health, too, will have suffered. John McCarthy will be given full medical examinations, including blood tests. He may have contracted tuberculosis or chronic intestinal infections. A high protein diet and multivitamins will be prescribed.

Experience of prisoners of war returning from the Far East has shown that although most made a good immediate physical recovery, in the long term they have been less healthy than those who have not suffered as much, and have even died earlier than their contemporaries, albeit often from an apparently unconnected problem.

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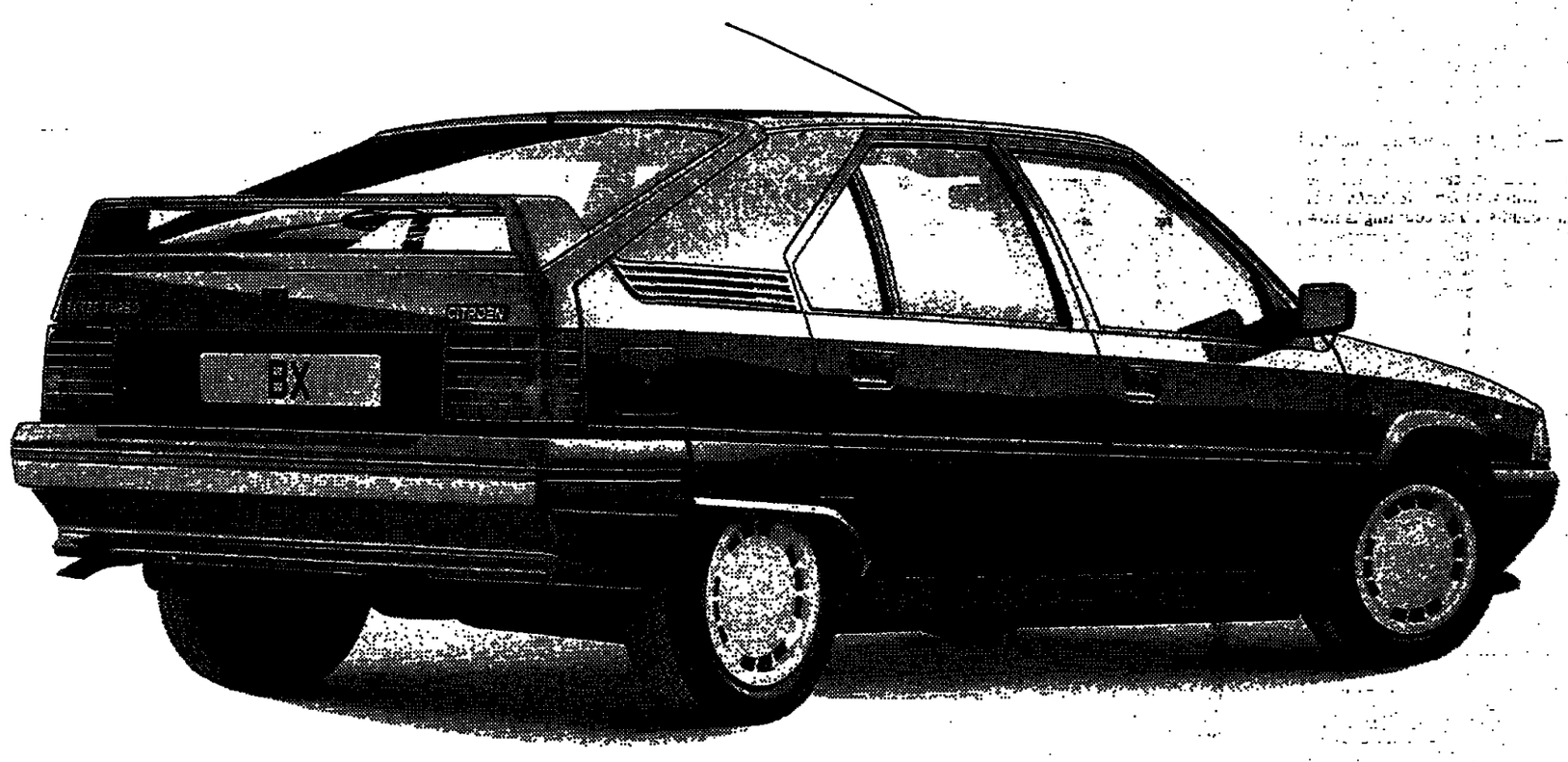

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Struggle to keep hostage issue alive in face of people's apathy and Foreign Office diplomacy pays off at last

Woman crusader led three-year fight for captive's release

By ALICE THOMSON

ONLY once during his captivity was John McCarthy reported to have been allowed a glimpse at a television. The focus was blurred and the sound had been turned down but there on the screen by an amazing coincidence was his friend Jill Morrell campaigning for his release.

Mr McCarthy was chained to a radiator, the floor was infested with cockroaches and he could not stand but, for the first time in three years, he knew that he had not been forgotten.

Miss Morrell, the dedicated and determined colleague of Mr McCarthy, has devoted her considerable energies in the past few years to securing his release and raising public awareness of the plight of all British hostages held in Lebanon. Bought up in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, she went from Hull university to World Television News, the London-based independent TV news agency which sent Mr McCarthy to Lebanon on his first foreign assignment. The couple had been going out together for three years and were planning to buy a flat when Mr McCarthy returned. Miss Morrell, a scriptwriter, had taken the day off work to meet his flight home on the morning of his kidnap.

For two years, Miss Morrell was happy to toe the British government line, that quiet diplomacy would secure the hostages' release. "The first few weeks were a blur for me. I thought it must be a mistake and he would be home soon," she said. She would visit the Foreign Office occasionally to be told that there was no news.

By January 1988, Miss Morrell had become exasperated at the lack of progress and formed the pressure group, Friends of John McCarthy. Composed of various colleagues and friends, the group worked from an office provided by the National Union of Journalists. Miss Morrell was the high-profile figurehead of the team which launched a campaign of publicity stunts, letter writing, posters and advertisements.

Miss Morrell, now a Channel 4 producer, flew to Damascus to urge the Syrians to use their influence in Lebanon, to Paris to meet freed French hostages and to Strasbourg to lobby members of the European parliament. Her desire to see Mr McCarthy set free has not blinded her to the moral complexities of negotiating with kidnappers. But she became frustrated as successful overtures by other foreign governments secured the release of their hostages. "The French hostages told me that they were released because their faces were always on television in nightly bulletins," Miss Morrell said. "For the Germans and Americans also, it was a matter of national pride. In Britain, it has been an uphill climb."

The campaigners, comprising about 20 of the couple's friends, colleagues and even strangers who offered support, paraded a giant birthday card for Mr McCarthy outside the Foreign Office, released black balloons from Blackpool Tower during a Labour party conference, staged benefit concerts and relentlessly lobbied the government.

Tentative progress was often set back by events such as the Salman Rushdie affair and the seizure of the Hezbollah cleric Sheik Obeid by Israel.

Miss Morrell's personality and calm determination, her struggle against public apathy and what she saw as the feebleness of the Foreign Office's hostage policy have won her much acclaim. But the campaign has also given her a notoriety she neitl er seeks nor enjoys.

Slowly she dropped the label of girl friend, although she carried on the campaign. "I had not stopped caring but I had to get some control over my own life and not have people cast me in a role I could not escape from."

Recently she wrote in a newspaper article that in ten years she would be too old to have children; she could not imagine living like a nun; and there would come a time when she would have to save her own life. "I wouldn't wish what I am going through on anyone. It is a lonely experience," she said. "In my worst moments I think, is it ever going to end? Will he ever come back?"

MARTIN BEDDALL

A poster near Waterloo station in London proclaiming the end of Mr McCarthy's 1,943 days in captivity

THE FRIENDS

Ordeal was kept in the public eye

By RAY CLANCY

IN A TIRELESS campaign, the friends of John McCarthy made sure that he did not become a faceless hostage. Throughout his captivity they kept his face before the eyes of the world on television news bulletins, on posters and in newspapers.

The campaign appeared to run on goodwill rather than lots of money. Advertisers donated space and time, volunteers manned the tiny office where the walls are covered with distinctive black posters of Mr McCarthy's face behind bars. Close friends, including Jill Morrell, began the task of keeping his plight in the public eye within weeks of his disappearance.

A year after he was kidnapped the first of a series of candlelight vigils were held at St Bride's, the journalists' church in Fleet Street. The words "Don't forget the British hostages in Beirut" adorned posters, T-shirts and leaflets, as the campaign continued and freed hostages spoke of the ordeal of those still held captive.

In April 1988 the first of several benefit concerts were held that raised thousands of pounds for the campaign. The National Union of Journalists donated an office, part-time organisers were hired. Donations flooded in as groups all over the country held fund-raising events.

Television advertisements were banned because they were judged political. On the third anniversary of Mr McCarthy's disappearance a video showing images of destruction in Beirut was screened by cinemas and cable television.

Hundreds of black balloons were released from Blackpool tower, birthday messages appeared in Beirut newspapers, vigils were held outside the Iranian embassy in London, and petitions handed it to Downing Street.

The friends' first slogan, "Close your eyes and think of England. John McCarthy's done nothing else for the last three years," became a familiar sight. A new campaign begun last week had a poster with tally symbols, one for each of the 1,937 days he had spent in captivity, with the words "John McCarthy still counts". The counting is now over but not the campaigning. The friends will continue until all the hostages are free.

The constant campaigning will ensure that Mr McCarthy will be confronted by a wealth of posters and slogans bearing his name when he returns. They will prove that he was not the only one counting the days until he was free.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Not forgotten: Jill Morrell and Patrick McCarthy with the poster that became a familiar sight

US STRATEGY

Bush learnt lesson in a tough school

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush took office in 1989 with a new strategy, built on the unhappy experiences of his two predecessors, for securing the release of Western hostages in Lebanon.

Jimmy Carter allowed the fate of 52 American hostages in Tehran to become a national obsession. In his efforts to secure their release he became a prisoner of the White House for much of his last year in office, finally ordering a military strike that ended in a fiasco in the Iranian desert.

The hostages were eventually released within hours of Ronald Reagan taking office in 1981, but the new president was so moved by the plight of the individual Americans held in Lebanon that he let himself be sucked into the secret arms-for-hostages negotiations with Tehran that led to the Iran-Contra scandal and nearly wrecked his administration.

As Mr Reagan's vice-president, Mr Bush watched that disaster unfold and learnt two painful lessons which he has remembered ever since: you do not attempt to negotiate deals with hostage-takers, and you do nothing to elevate the hostages' value in their captors' eyes.

Mr Bush's uncompromising stance has had some success. Robert Polhill and Frank Reed, two academics, were released within two weeks of each other in the spring of 1990 and another of the six Americans still held may well be on the verge of freedom. One other, US Marine Colonel William Higgins, was allegedly hanged in July 1989 though the administration suspects he died earlier.

In pursuit of his strategy, Mr Bush has spoken little about the hostages since taking office, refused to get excited at reports of imminent releases, refrained from high-profile celebrations on their return. It is the same policy he adopted when Iraq threatened to use captured American servicemen as human shields during the Gulf war.

Washington's approach has been to play down the talk of the hostages, said Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs until 1989. "It's been very painful, giving the impression to the families that we were neglecting the hostages' fate. That hasn't been the case but there has been much less publicity, much less discussion."

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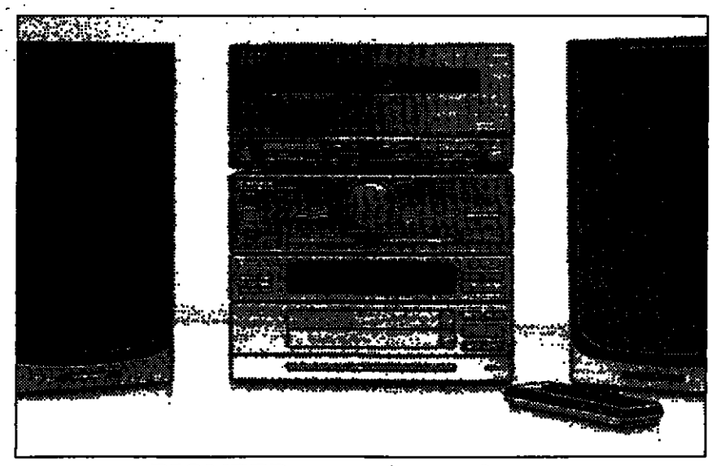

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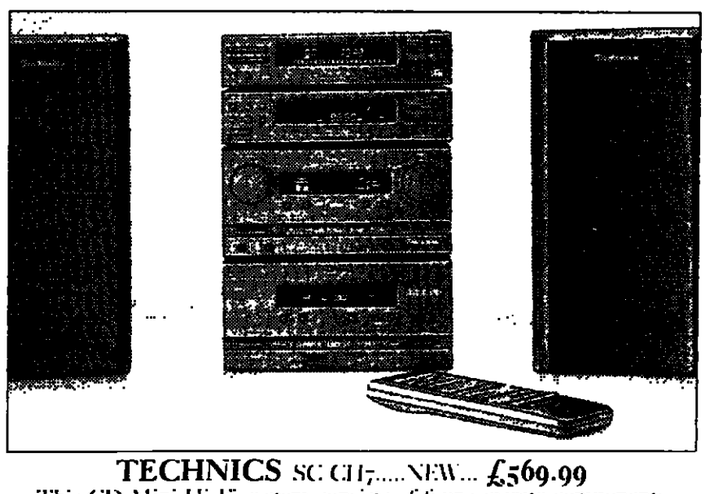

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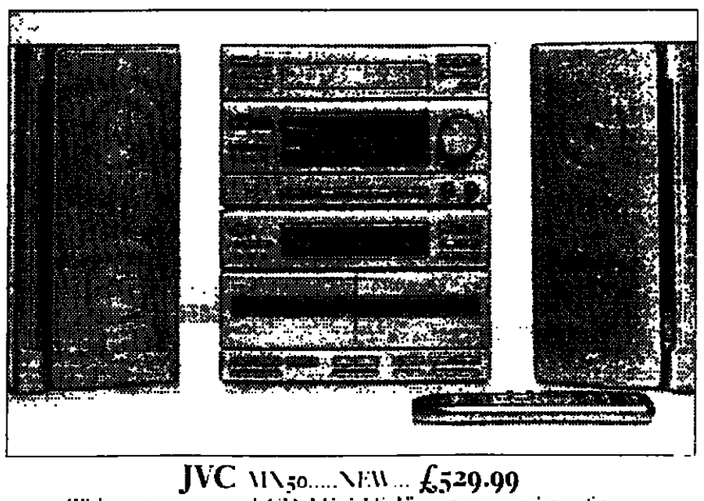

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Heseltine loses one round in fight to ease poll tax costs

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, has lost the first round of his battle with the Treasury to scrap the 20 per cent minimum contribution that the least well off have to make towards the poll tax.

Senior ministers are expected to be forced to reconsider the issue in the autumn, however, as a means of reducing the embarrassment of non-payment of the community charge and the extra expense that it is imposing on law-abiding payers. About 80 per cent of non-payers are those who would be liable to pay only 20 per cent and abolition would be a swift way of cutting non-collection at a stroke and reducing the damage to the government in the run-up to the general election.

Recent estimates suggest that uncollected poll tax now totals £1 billion to £1.5 billion. The minimum payment has only this year and next, the last year of the poll tax, to run. It disappears under the council tax, due for introduction on April 1, 1993.

Mr Heseltine's attempt to secure the £400 million that would be needed to wipe out the charge for which some four million people on income support or students are liable has been postponed after a meeting of cabinet ministers decided the change would be politically difficult.

The taxpayer has already put in £400 million to the benefit system to recipients to cover the payments made by claimants to local authorities. David Mellor, the Treasury chief secretary, would face a storm of opposition if he tried to claw that back from the system at a time when benefit upratings will be modest because of low inflation. The alternative is to increase grant to local authorities by £400 million, a bill that the taxpayer would also have to foot.

Mr Heseltine and Tony Newton, the social security secretary, who are pressing for abolition of the minimum payment, were said by informed sources yesterday to have sympathy with the validity of the Treasury argument. However, there is a growing belief among senior ministers that they may have to bite the bullet to avoid embarrassment over spiralling non-collection in the run-up to the general election, expected next spring or early summer.

It is also thought that ministers will be forced to accept that much of the money due from the 20 per cent payers will not be received. Having conceded the principle of 100 per cent rebates under the council tax, the most sensible solution might be to scrap it, certainly for the last year of the poll tax, they believe.

Heseltine: attempt is postponed after talks

Councils are already facing a flood of protest, and refusals to make payments, over the surcharges that have appeared on this year's bills to cover non-payment. Some additions have been as high as £70. Government sources fear the outcry will soar next April and May, possibly during the election campaign, unless action is taken to cut the level of non-collection. Having sunk so much into the poll tax, sources believe a rational argument can be made for one last subvention during the final year of its existence.

Meanwhile David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, alleged yesterday that fear of poll tax registration was causing a "disappearing" population. He said evidence from the 1991 census and registration data suggested that widespread fear about poll tax registration had resulted in inaccuracies in population and voting lists and many people were "attempting to disappear".

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STEPHEN MARKESON

Kingly coin: Jane McAdam, a modeller and engraver at the Royal Mint at Llantrisant, Gwent, with the medal she designed to mark the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII's birth. Bronze medals will sell for £42.50 and silver for £85

Lilley lists weapons that bolstered Saddam

By SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN sent equipment to Iraq that enhanced Saddam Hussein's military capability during the Gulf war but did not contribute to the build-up of nuclear or chemical weapons, Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, disclosed yesterday.

New information produced by Mr Lilley shows that sensitive equipment was licensed for export by British firms to Iraq under the government's interpretation of the embargo as banning only the export of lethal equipment. The interpretation led to the export of mortar locating radar, sophisticated coding equipment and aircraft engines, together with replacement parts for military equipment supplied before the embargo.

In an attempt to end the dispute over British exports to Iraq, Mr Lilley released a full list of goods licensed for export between 1987 and August 1990. He insisted that Britain fulfilled all the terms of the arms embargo imposed during the Iran-Iraq war. "Our examination of the records shows that the policy announced in parliament [by Sir Geoffrey Howe in 1985] was adhered to both in the spirit as well as in the letter," Mr Lilley said. He felt "no sense of guilt" about the exports.

Mr Lilley sent to the Commons trade and industry committee his explanation of the exports listed in annex E and F of his earlier evidence, which suggested that military equipment, nuclear and chemical material was exported to Iraq in defiance of the embargo.

"We are not saying that no military equipment was sent," Mr Lilley said yesterday. "It [the embargo] could allow some non-lethal equipment." Such exports were cleared by the defence ministry and the Foreign Office. There was not a single export of any significance to a military nuclear programme, Mr Lilley said.

Last night, Gordon Brown and Joyce Quin, Labour's trade and industry spokesmen, questioned the wisdom of licensing for export £30 million worth of British products, including such equipment as mortar locating radar.

Menzies Campbell, for the Liberal Democrats, repeated his call for the cross-party committee to be recalled during the summer recess to examine the latest information. "Mr Lilley should be summoned by the committee to give oral evidence."

Sex film channel viewers dial soundtrack

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH television viewers who watch Scandinavian sex films with pirate satellite channel decoders are using an 0898 premium-rate telephone line to hear the soundtracks.

Filmnet, the Scandinavian satellite film channel which is not legally available in Britain, scrambled its soundtracks last month to deter such viewer piracy. But two weeks ago, a new phone service was launched allowing viewers to listen simultaneously to the soundtracks for £26 an hour, or 43p a minute, at peak time.

Unique 2001, the line's operators, said at least 600,000 people in Britain owned pirate decoders for Filmnet. Legitimate subscribers throughout Europe pay about £15 a month for the channel.

A spokesman said that the phone line would make a profit within the next two weeks. He said, however, that only a small percentage of the pirate viewers in Britain were now calling the 0898 number. "It is early days yet," he said.

News of the 0898 number emerged as Peter Lloyd, the Home Office minister for broadcasting, said that he may take action to outlaw the viewing of Filmnet on pirate decoders. The Home Office has received many complaints about the channel, including one from Mary Whitehouse. Filmnet shows soft-porn films late at night. It is not illegal to buy pirate decoders in the UK. Mr Lloyd said that since Filmnet did not have a licence to broadcast directly to Britain, something should be done to make it impossible for British viewers to receive the service.

The Unique 2001 phone line is not illegal, although Icstis, the independent committee which supervises standards of telephone information services, said it would investigate the service.

British Telecom said it was obliged to sell the Unique 2001 line even if the company itself disapproved of the soundtrack service.

Soldier in accidental shooting is named

A soldier killed by the discharge of an army weapon was named yesterday as William Thomas Dryden, aged 22, from Durham (Edward Gorman writes).

Signalman Dryden died on Wednesday night after being hit in the chest by a shot fired from a semi-automatic rifle at Palace barracks at Hollywood, near Belfast. A second soldier apparently hit in the hand by the same bullet is being treated in hospital.

Police are investigating the the shooting, which security sources suggested was an accident.

Sisters charged

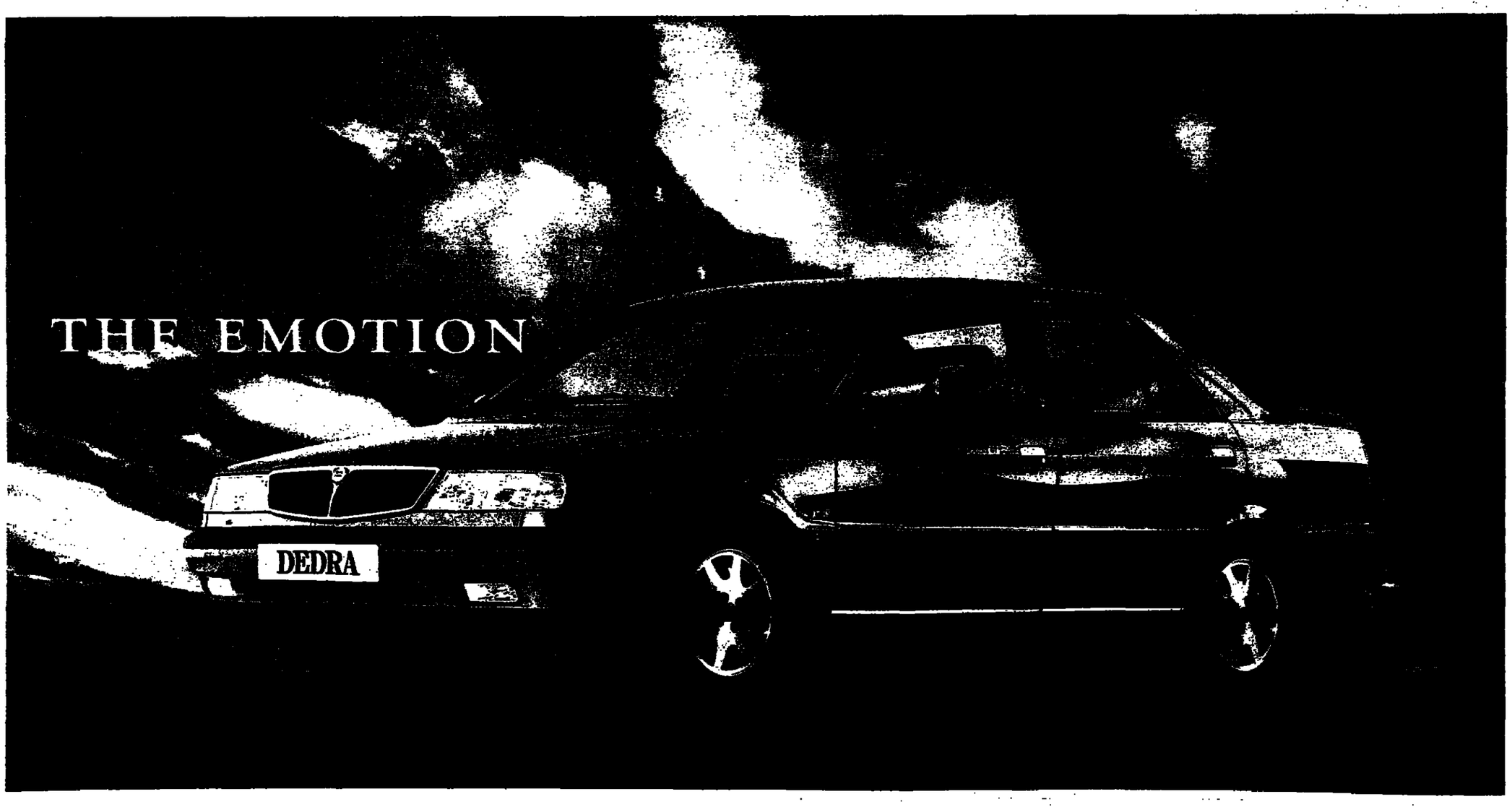
Two sisters were charged with the murder of London bank clerk Alison Shaughnessy, found stabbed to death two months ago. Michelle Taylor, aged 20, and her sister Lisa, aged 18, were arrested at their home in Forest Hill, southeast London, early on Wednesday. A woman arrested with them was released without charge. Detectives were still questioning a man, aged 49, arrested yesterday in Wandsworth.

Hijacker fined

A patient was in an ambulance when it was hijacked by a man who crashed it into a wall, magistrates at Maidstone, Kent, were told. John Ashwood, aged 24, of Coxheath, Kent, admitted taking the ambulance and failing a breath test. He was given a six-month jail sentence, suspended for two years, and ordered to pay £776 in fines and compensation. The patient was unhurt.

Horse ban

Michael Marshall, aged 50, a farmer, was banned from keeping horses for life yesterday. RSPCA investigators found cattle sweltering with inadequate feed and water at Brick Yard farm, in Fulstow, Lincolnshire, Louth magistrates were told. Marshall was given a six month suspended sentence and fined £400 after also being found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to two bay fillies.



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Jewel saved from export as appeal raises £2.5m

By Peter Davenport

A NATIONAL appeal to prevent the export of the Middleham Jewel, the gold and sapphire pendant linked to Richard III, ended in success yesterday when the anonymous owner accepted an offer of £2.5 million.

The jewel will now be housed at the Yorkshire museum in York, maintaining its connections with the county where it was discovered.

The appeal, launched three months ago, reached its target with donations ranging from the £1.7 million given by the National Heritage Memorial Fund, its largest ever grant to a non-national museum, to the weekly pocket money of the ten-year-old son of the county museums officer. J. Paul Getty Jnr also pledged £350,000.

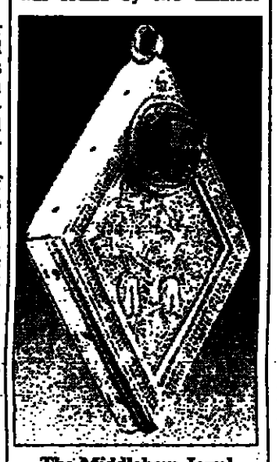
The target was reached on Monday afternoon and a preliminary offer sent to the owner through the British museum, which has been acting as agent for the appeal organisers. Formal confirmation of the bid was sent on Wednesday and the acceptance was faxed by return. Brian Hayton, North Yorkshire's county museums officer, said: "The amazing response we have had to the appeal has shown beyond doubt how much the jewel is treasured. It is of quite exceptional importance and no other piece of late medieval jewellery has been discovered in Britain this century. We are delighted that it has been saved for the nation."

The deal was struck just days before the government's second deferral of an export licence for the Jewel was due to expire, on August 17.

The deferral decision was made by the trade and industry department on the recommendation of the arts minister. The jewel's value was set by the Export Review Committee on Works of Art acting on advice from the British Museum.

Among other donations given to the appeal were £180,000 from the National Art Collections Fund, £75,000 from the Headley Trust, £60,000 from the Victoria and Albert Museum and £25,000 from The Goldsmith's Company. Public donations amounted to almost £20,000.

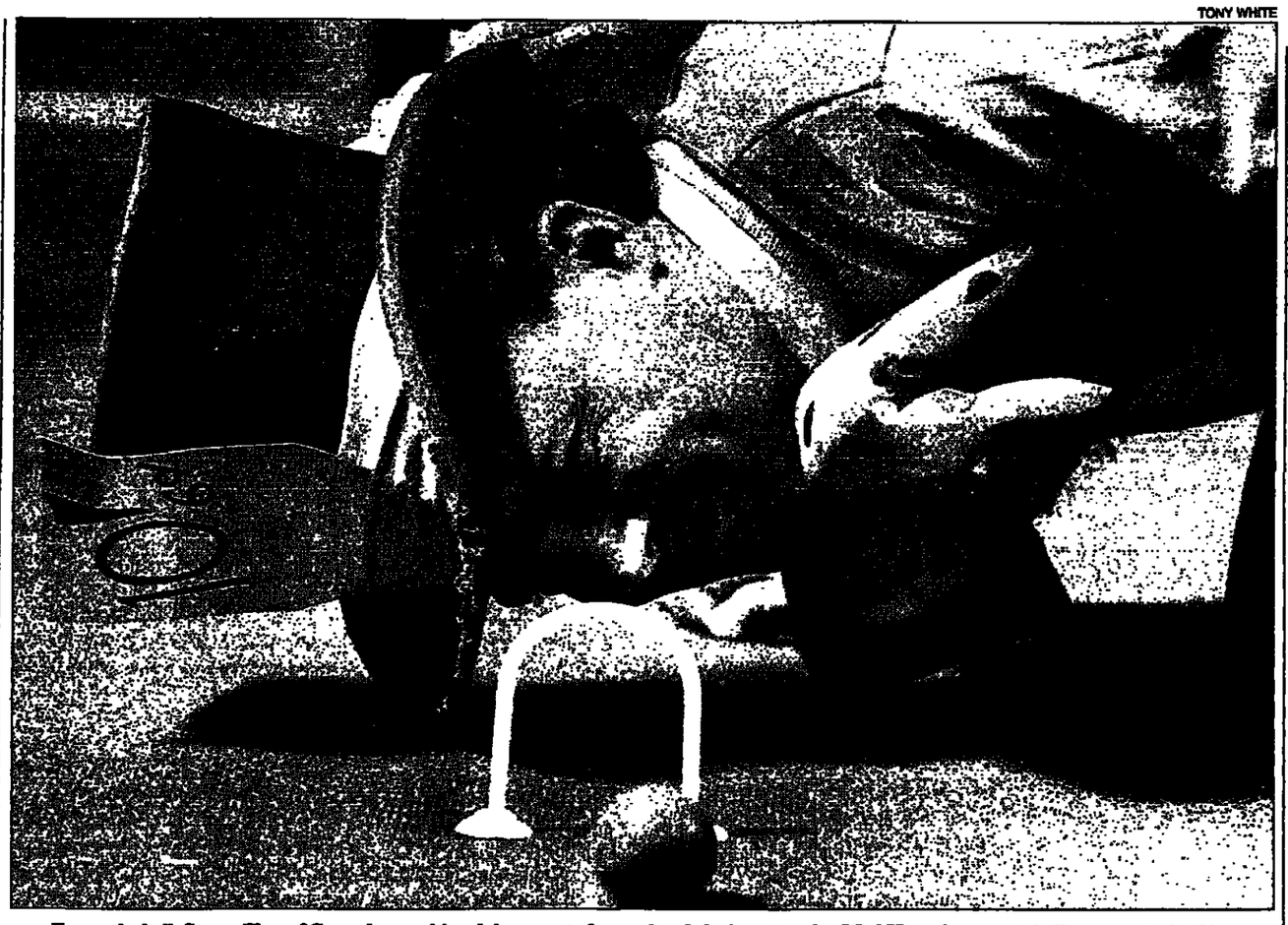
The double-sided pendant, with a large sapphire on the front and engraved with religious symbols on both sides, was found by two amateur treasure hunters in 1985, near Middleham Castle, along a footpath between Jervaulx and Coverham abbeys. Gold and silver threads, possibly from a small piece of fabric which may have held a precious relic, were found inside.



The Middleham Jewel which is to stay in Britain

Following a treasure trove inquest and High Court proceedings, the amateur treasure hunters were declared the rightful owners and the pendant was sold at auction by Sotheby's in 1986 for £1.4 million.

TONY WHITE



Eye on the ball: Steven Fine, of Cresvale securities, doing a spot of groundwork during a two-day Mad Hatter's croquet challenge trophy for City workers at a tea festival at Hay's Galleria in London yesterday. The festival is open to the public tomorrow for a teapot exhibition and tea tasting

Part-time courses that chart paths to success

Threats to charge full fees for some adult education classes could end initiatives that have changed people's lives, writes John O'Leary

ADULT education's image as a Cinderella service, operating on a shoestring in village halls, often obscures the success stories of many of its students.

Since the government announced its proposals to remove subsidies from the courses considered as leisure activities, however, the beneficiaries have begun to come out of the woodwork. Ministers' dismissive references to flower arranging classes have angered those who have been in at the start of promising careers.

The 9,000 women's institutes are compiling lists of the prominent figures who have taken their classes. Among the well-known predecessors of the institutes' 310,000 adult students are members of both houses of parliament.

Grace Mulligan, who has presented television's longest-running cookery show, *Farmhouse Cookery*, owes her success to the type of course that would fall foul of the government's proposals. A needlework teacher in a Yorkshire village, she was persuaded to join her local institute's cookery classes, and has never looked back.

"I joined just as a hobby, but went on to train as a cookery judge and was eventually approached by a television producer after demonstrating at the Great Yorkshire Show," she said. "Now I have a newspaper column, write for women's magazines and speak at luncheon clubs. The classes changed my life completely."

Even in academic life, there are people who have made an impact via the adult education route. Frank Wilkinson, a senior researcher in applied economics at Cambridge university and a fellow of Girton College, said that he was "semi-literate" when he first joined day-release classes run by the Workers' Educational Association.

Having left school at 15 and worked for ten years on a farm and at an ironworks, he changed direction after taking a course in English appreciation, economics and indutrial relations. He told *The Times Higher Education Supplement*: "Everyone who went on that course either drastically changed the course of their life, or got promotion at what they were doing." He went on to Ruskin College, Oxford, which may now have to halve the length of its courses.

Alan Tuckett, the director of the National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education, insists that such cases are not unusual. "The new divide is a totally artificial one," he said. "There is a wealth of evidence that people who progress through adult education start by putting a toe in the water on the so-called leisure courses.

"The new proposals will cause serious problems for the centres of excellence in the field, which will have a knock-on effect throughout the country and many courses will not survive."

☐ An influx of students from the European Community enabled universities, polytechnics and colleges to register an 11 per cent increase in overseas registrations during the 1980s. Statistics published yesterday by the education department showed that the number of foreign students reached almost 78,000 by 1989.

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Boys and mother die in house fire

TWO boys, their mother and a man died in a fire at a terraced house early yesterday. The victims were apparently overcome by smoke after the blaze started at about 3am in Levenshulme, Greater Manchester. Attempts to resuscitate them were unsuccessful.

The four were named as Katrina Johnson, aged 31, her sons Jack, aged six, and Charles, aged five, and her boy friend Roy Hulsten, aged 38. It is understood that Mrs Johnson was separated from her husband.

The alarm was raised by Sarah Chaudhry, aged 21, of nearby Barlow Road. She said she was in her kitchen when she saw smoke billowing up behind the house. "Something was obviously terribly wrong," she said.

Miss Chaudhry said that at first she thought nobody was in the house as the front door was open. "When I walked through the door I could hear the crackling of the fire and I could see horrible black smoke." She was forced out of the house by the family's pet labrador, Sam, which leapt up at her out of the darkness.

Miss Chaudhry said she hammered on the doors of the houses on either side to alert neighbours to the danger. Steve Swallow, the assistant divisional fire officer, said: "But for her actions the situation could have been even worse. The fire could have spread through the roof space to neighbouring houses." The fire started in the rear bedroom and spread throughout the upper floor, badly damaging it, he said.

Mr Swallow said: "We are used to seeing fire tragedies but this is one of the worst."

Later the house was being examined by fire officers. Gas and electricity board investigators were also at the scene.

SATURDAY REVIEW

HOT AND COLD

"The great machine of science turned its attention to cold fusion and, after chewing it over, spat it out" Nigel Hawkes finds Professor Martin Fleischmann (above) angry but undeterred

GOOD SPIRITS

A new film hit, *Truly, Madly, Deeply*, stars Juliet Stevenson (above) as a woman who misses her dead lover so much that he returns. Sounds familiar? Maybe, says Candida Crewe, but this is a much more grown-up film than *Ghost* — and it's British

DIE-IT-YOURSELF

'The 'supermarket of death' seems to have got off to an encouraging start, even if some shoppers have been unnerved to come across coffins standing on end' Philip Jacobson on a lively new retailing venture

FRINGE BENEFITS

" 'This is the life,' I thought, light-headed with heavy. 'I'll come back every year and keep an eye on the castle.' Strangely enough, I did." Roger McGough (above) makes his 29th pilgrimage to Edinburgh for the Fringe

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Fatal crash nurse 'lost will to live'

A nurse involved in a car crash in which her best friend died and another nurse was severely injured was given a nine-month sentence suspended for two years and disqualified from driving for three years yesterday.

Paula Smith, aged 28, of Romford, Essex, who was found guilty of causing death by reckless driving, was told by Judge Smedley at the Central Criminal Court that he had been heavily influenced by a psychiatrist's report into passing a lenient sentence. The judge said: "The report states that her feeling of guilt following the crash is so overwhelming that she feels her life is not worth living."

In the accident at Romford in January, Siobhan Cunningham, aged 27, a mother of one, from Romford, died, and Kate Dunlop, aged 43, of Harold Hill, Essex, suffered severe head injuries.

Fake applicants

Many bogus asylum-seekers are allowed to stay in Britain permanently simply because of delays in handling their applications, Peter Lloyd, the junior Home Office minister, says in a letter to *The Times* today. He suggests that only a minority of people granted "exceptional leave to remain" are allowed to stay for compassionate reasons.

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Love conquers

A contemporary love poem has won the Chair, the premier award at the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales in Mold. The winning 300-line *awdle* by Robin Llwyd, aged 33, the mayor of Ruthin and headmaster of Llangwm primary school, near Corwen in north Wales, was novel and adventurous, full of images and had "amazing delivery", Eirian Davies, the chairman of the judges, said.

Labour lead up

Labour has increased its lead over the Conservatives to 5 percentage points, according to the latest Gallup poll for *The Daily Telegraph* today. But John Major stays ahead of Neil Kinnock in popularity. The figures, with last month's percentages in brackets, are: Labour 41 per cent (40.5), Conservatives 36 per cent (37), Liberal Democrats 16.5 per cent (17), others 6.5 per cent (5.5).

Battle line: horsemen retrace the English route

Forgiving time at Flodden

By Kerry Gill

MORE than 1,000 Scots and English gathered on a Northumbrian hill yesterday to celebrate a reconciliation between the two nations almost 500 years after the battle of Flodden Field.

The Earl of Arundel and Surrey, heir to the Duke of Norfolk, was invited by Scots to address the crowd yesterday and more than 200 Scottish horsemen rode over the border from Coldstream. He delivered the annual Flodden address, a sign that all may have been forgiven by the Scots.

The Earl of Surrey's ancestor Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey, routed the Scottish army under James IV in 1513. It is believed that more than 10,000 Scotsmen died on the battlefield, while the English lost about 400.

Meteorites to put on weekend show

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

THIS weekend should be a perfect time to watch a spectacle that has been observed since AD36.

The Perseid meteor shower is expected to be particularly brilliant because for the first time since 1988 there will be no moon to blot out the flashes of meteorites burning up in the Earth's atmosphere. Amateur astronomers are expected to take advantage of the good viewing conditions.

If the skies are unclouded, up to 50 meteors an hour ought to be visible with the naked eye. They will appear to originate from a single point in the constellation of Perseus, which gives them their name. The streaks of light are tiny fragments of matter from the comet Swift-Tuttle, identified in 1862. The Perseid meteor shower happens once a year, as the orbit of the Earth crosses that of the comet. The orbit of the comet consists of a kind of river of dust flowing through space, billions of tiny fragments that burn up as they hit the atmosphere at speeds of more than 35 miles a second, causing a brief but brilliant streak across the sky.

The showers have been observed for almost two thousand years, but it was only in the 19th century that astronomers realised they were an annual event that reached its peak on August 10 and 11. Irish peasants appear to have registered this long before the professionals, because they had named the Perseid showers the "Tears of St Lawrence", after a Spanish saint and martyr whose feast day is August 10.

The last time the shower was fully visible, in 1988, astronomers counted more than 32,000 meteorites. The best view should be towards the end of the night on Saturday and Sunday and binoculars or telescopes are not recommended as they limit the field of view.

Pictures can be taken by loading a fast film (at least, 400 ISO) and leaving the shutter open for several minutes, according to John Mason of the British Astronomical Association. The meteors will appear as a straight line against a background of star images trailed into curves by the Earth's rotation.

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Nutritionists seek laws to promote healthy diet

BY THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWS to encourage healthier eating, including a ban on television commercials for some foods and drinks, should be considered by the government, Medical Research Council nutritionists say.

The government's new targets for a better national diet are unlikely to be achieved without such radical measures, according to an article in today's *British Medical Journal*.

Food rationing and taxes on saturated fats and sugars are probably politically unacceptable. Sheila Bingham, of the council's Dunn Clinical Nutrition Centre, Cambridge, says in response to the *Health Of The Nation* green paper, published in June. "There are less oppressive ways in which legislation could effect changes in food habits. The importance of nutrition must be re-established in the nation's mind, from school children onwards," Dr Bingham says.

"The national palate needs re-educating, and healthy cooking and food choice must be taught. Curriculums in schools and for caterers should devote more attention to this." To achieve some of the government's dietary goals by 2005, consumption of biscuits, cakes, puddings, chips, crisps and chocolate would need to be halved, as would consumption of soft drinks and table sugars, Dr Bingham says. Twice as much fruit, bread and vegetables would have to be eaten.

"Diet has a key role in the prevention of the major life-threatening conditions of middle and later life," Dr Bingham says, adding that about 30 per cent of the attributable risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer can probably be ascribed to diet.

The targets in the green paper will be welcomed, but reaching them is unlikely through conventional health education methods such as booklets and advice, according to Dr Bingham. She suggests that there could be legal requirements for catering contractors to provide food for hospitals, schools and colleges that meet the target levels. Food labelling should become mandatory and supermarkets could introduce "healthy shopping" areas.

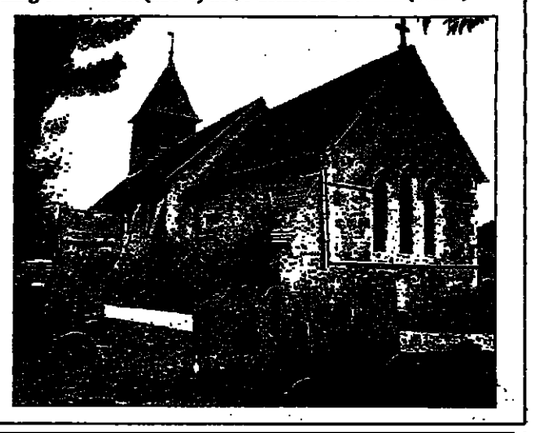
Undercover operation: David Perry restoring a wall painting and Richard Lithgow working on the arch (above) at St Clement's church (below)

Medieval frescos restored

By JOHN YOUNG

MEDIEVAL wall paintings in St Clement's church at Ashampstead, Berkshire, considered to be some of the most important in Britain, are being restored at a cost of £12,000. They were plastered over after the Reformation and not discovered until 1895.

The paintings date from the 13th century and are thought to have been commissioned by the de Newburgh family, earls of Warwick, employing monks either from Normandy or from the Benedictine centres at Windsor, Reading, Abingdon and Winchester. Those on the side wall depict the annunciation, the visitation, the nativity and the appearance of the angel to the shepherds. Above the arch between the nave and the chancel are the remains of a "doom", several apostles and the figure of Christ in a red mantle. The restoration work involved removing accumulated grime. Grants totalling £6,500 have been made by, among others, English Heritage, the Diocese of Oxford and Newbury district council; £3,000 has come from parishioners and anonymous gifts. A further £2,500 is still needed. The work is expected to be finished next week.



Peers call for cut in EC farm support

By JOHN WINDER

EUROPEAN Community support for farmers should be cut according to a set timetable until prices reach world levels, a House of Lords report published today says.

The report criticises the European Commission for being too conservative in its outlook and says its plans are an unacceptable basis for reform. European farm ministers are told to exhibit political leadership and to grasp the nettle of reform.

The report, from the Lords' EC committee, describes the cost of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), at 2 per cent of the community's gross domestic product, as indefensible; it questions the need to preserve the small family farm; and suggests that direct income support might be considered instead of agricultural support mechanisms. The committee says that reform of the policy is imperative.

The report says: "The CAP denies the free operation of the market, distorts the relationship between supply and demand and leads to a welfare loss to the whole community. It fails to pay sufficient regard to environmental concerns or the needs of consumers and threatens the ability of the community to trade freely on the world market."

The committee, headed by Lord Middleton, president of the Country Landowners Association, and including Lord Plumb, former president of the National Farmers' Union, says the chief obstacle to reform is political and expresses disappointment that John Gummer, the agriculture minister, believed that other EC agriculture ministers were unlikely to contemplate fundamental reform.

EC policy-makers had consistently failed to achieve a forward-looking strategy the report says, adding that the commission reform package was a welcome departure from that norm and a forceful attempt to redirect policy.

Patients 'face real HIV risk'

THE medical profession is making unjustified claims that patients are at low risk of catching HIV from infected health care workers, doctors say in the *British Medical Journal* today (Thomson Prentice writes).

Patients who have been in contact with health workers carrying the virus should be tested because evidence to support the reassuring claims is lacking, according to specialists at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. They estimate that in Britain, six dentists have contracted Aids, while a surgeon and a gynaecologist are known to have the disease.

A dentist in America who had Aids infected five patients. The dentist has died, as has the surgeon in Britain. The gynaecologist is no longer working.

The specialists say no cases are recorded in Britain of a patient infected after medical or dental treatment, but the degree of risk is unknown.

GPs hit contract targets

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY 70 per cent of GPs are hitting the top targets for immunisation and cervical cytology, earning bonus payments of over £4,000 a year, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, said yesterday.

He published figures showing that 90 per cent of GPs achieved the lower targets under the new GP contract: immunising 70 per cent of children and taking smears from 50 per cent of women on their list.

Under the terms of the contract introduced last April, GPs receive £600 or £1,800 for reaching targets for immunisation and £760 or £2,280 for screening for cervical cancer. To earn the higher bonus, GPs have to immunise 90 per cent of children and screen 80 per cent of women.

"These figures demonstrate the success of the GP contract and underline the logic of introducing the new contract in the first place," Mr Waldegrave said yesterday. "It has given a fresh impetus to preventive health care."

MP's complaint over diary story by Times is upheld

THE Press Complaints Commission has upheld a complaint against *The Times* by Bernie Grant, Labour MP for Tottenham.

When he told the paper that a diary story about him was unfounded, it published a second diary story, correcting some of the points complained of but the commission said it should have published a straightforward correction and apology.

The first story said Mr Grant was behind the boycott by a black American congressman of the Queen's historic address to Congress. The congressman was reported as saying that the boycott had been prompted by a phone call from Mr Grant, who told him he had called on the Queen to speak against growing racial violence against blacks in London but she had not responded.

Mr Grant wrote to the editor that the story was quite unfounded. He had been telephoned by the congressman's office for information on the government's aid record, its position on South Africa and details of the murder of a black youth.

He had never called on the Queen to speak on racial violence and had not suggested a boycott. In fact, Mr Grant said, he was an admirer of the role that the Queen and other members of the royal family had played in matters of racial equality and Britain's responsibilities towards the Third World. He was shocked that the paper had made no attempt to contact him before publishing the story.

A second story appeared in the diary. It began: "Not me, says Labour MP Bernie Grant after last week's diary report ..."

When Mr Grant wrote to the Press Complaints Commission, David Lipsey, associate editor, replied that the story originated in Washington and the paper immediately sought to contact him for his observations on it. Mr Lipsey said a message was left for him on the House of Commons answerphone service.

He apologised for the embarrassment Mr Grant had felt, but believed the paper had done all it could to set matters right.

The commission's adjudication was:

In an item appropriately headlined "Condemned unheard," *The Times* diary wrongly accused Mr Bernie Grant MP of having been behind a US congressman's boycott of the Queen's address to the House of Representatives. The paper said it had tried to obtain his observations on the matter but its message had not reached him. Publication of the inaccuracy was a breach of clause 1(i) of the code of practice.

There are occasions, depending on the circumstances, when a veiled correction of an inaccurate story, as in a second *Times* diary piece about Mr Grant, can be an acceptable remedy, but this was not one of them. The paper should have published a straightforward correction and apology, as is set out in clause 1, sub-clauses (ii) and (iii) of the code of practice.

☐ *The Times* accepts the ruling, and apologises to Mr Grant for its error.

☐ The commission yesterday upheld a complaint against *The People* by the Duke of York for publishing a picture of his 16-month-old daughter, Princess Eugenie, running naked in the garden of her home. In its adjudication, the commission said that the paper's treatment of the complaint was in flagrant contempt of its system of self-regulation.

Sex attack warning by police

Police yesterday issued a warning to holidaymakers in south Devon after a man attacked a girl aged six close to Hallsands beach near Kingsbridge.

The girl was grabbed by the man, aged between 25 and 35, as her mother waited for help after their car broke down on Wednesday. The mother beat off the man who returned a number of times to try to lure them both into a field and exposed himself. He finally escaped on a bicycle.

Knife acquittal

Lesley Keane, aged 33, of Paddington, west London, who stabbed her father after he attacked her, was cleared at Knightsbridge crown court, west London, of wounding with intent. The court was told that her father, Ronald Piper, had a history of violence.

Petrol attack

Bomb disposal experts dealt with six unexploded petrol bombs after another exploded at a pig breeding centre at Kingston Bagpuize, Oxfordshire. Police believe animal activists were responsible.

Shares fine

Gary Mitchell, aged 48, of Bracknell, Berkshire, was fined a total of £5,700 with £100 costs by Bow Street magistrates for using the names of friends and colleagues to apply for shares in flotations.

Tanker deaths

A mother and son died when their car was crushed by an overturned tanker at Fosto near the Derbyshire-Staffordshire border.

Blacked out

Nearly 3,500 homes in Fordingbridge, Hampshire, were blacked out after a goose hit an overhead power line.

Delays on key routes

ROAD repairs in Cornwall are causing delays along the A30, AA Roadwatch says. A contraflow system on the M27 in Hampshire between junction five and seven could cause delays for drivers heading for the West Country or for the Portsmouth and Weymouth ferry terminals.

Drivers heading for the ferry terminals at Dover and Folkestone could be affected by road widening work on the M20 between Coldharbour and Hollingbourne. The AA suggests using the M2 and A2.

There are also delays at the London end of the M40 where it joins the M25.

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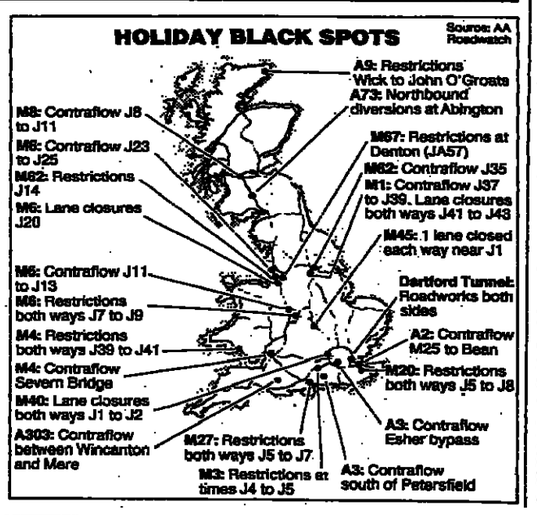

Airline dishes up pre-flight buffet

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE German airline Lufthansa, which has stopped providing food on domestic flights, is instead offering passengers a buffet at the departure gate. The move is a break with the practice of serving meals on even the shortest routes purely because rivals do.

Initially, Lufthansa replaced the meals for domestic passengers with a plastic box of cold snacks which they were given as they boarded the aircraft. The airline was, however, shocked at the waste generated.

To try to reduce that waste, Lufthansa has introduced what it calls its gate buffet — a selection of food and drink in the final departure lounge. Passengers can choose what they want and eat it either in the lounge or on the aircraft. About 60 per cent take nothing or just some fruit. Lufthansa says that by getting rid of the plastic box of food, it will reduce rubbish by 1,700 tonnes a year.

The scheme has already been recognised by the International Flight Catering Association which gave it the prize for the most creative innovation in the environment category of its recent awards. The scheme's value could be far greater than cutting waste. It will help to reduce the weight on the aircraft and to cut cleaning bills.

The scheme is being watched by other airlines but they are are wary of adopting Lufthansa's ideas. BA said: "We have looked at the idea but decided against it for the moment."

British Midland, whose introduction of a full meal service on the London-to-Glasgow shuttle route sparked an improvement in British Airways' level of service, said its experience indicated that passengers did want to eat during internal flights.

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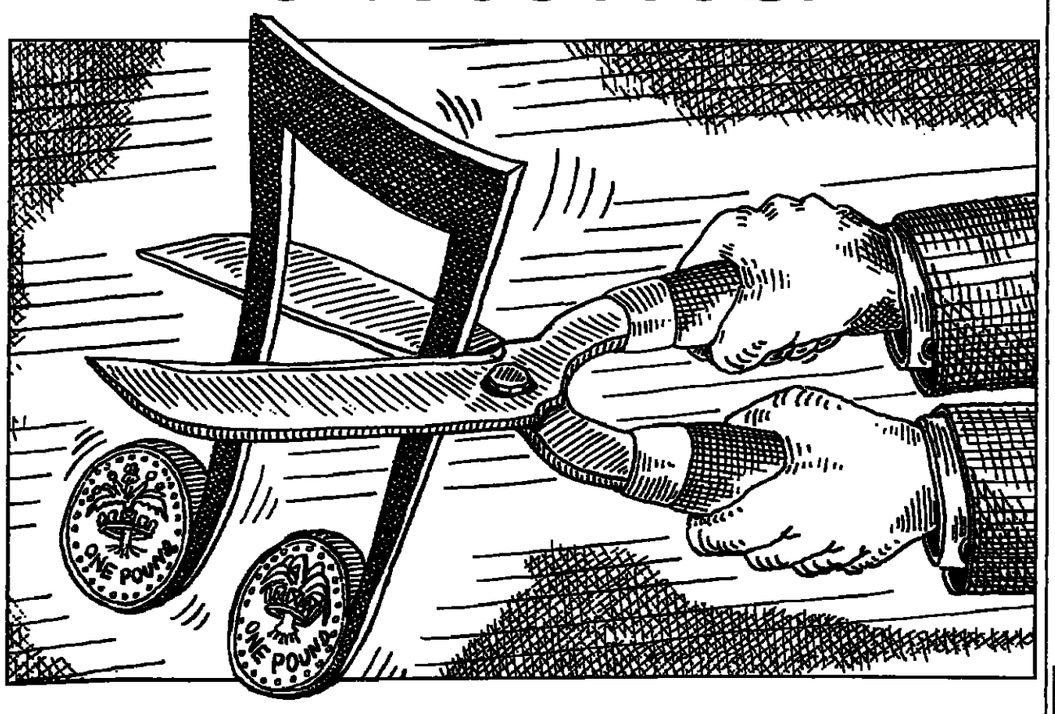

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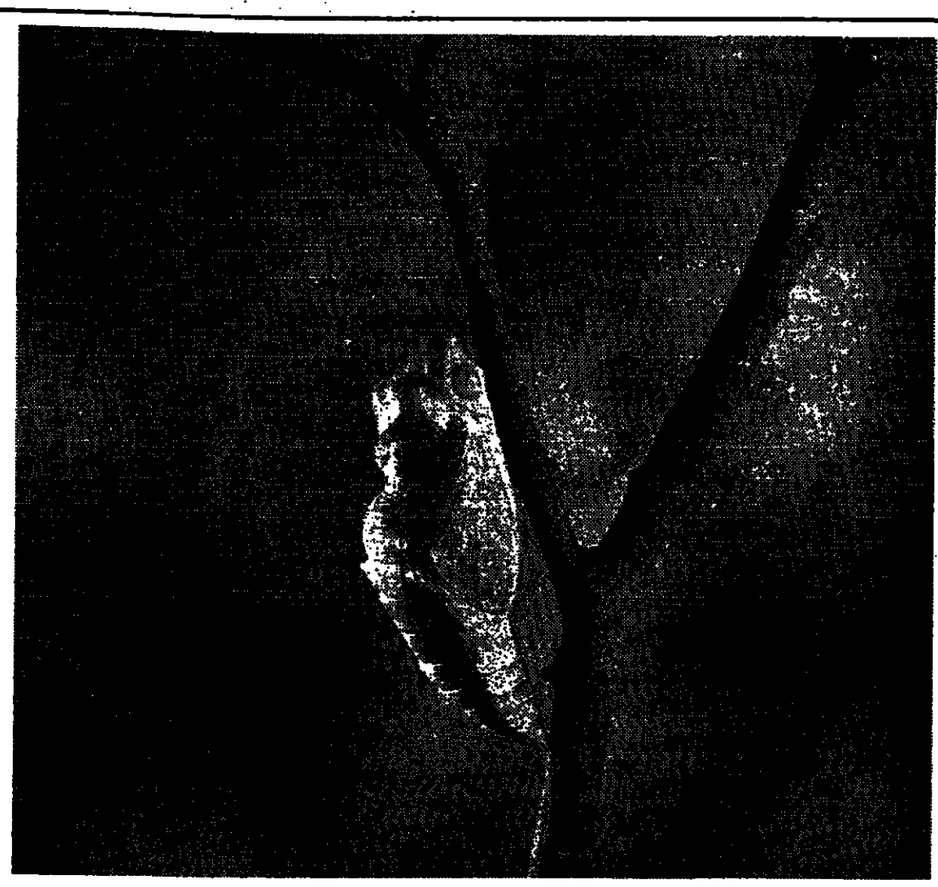

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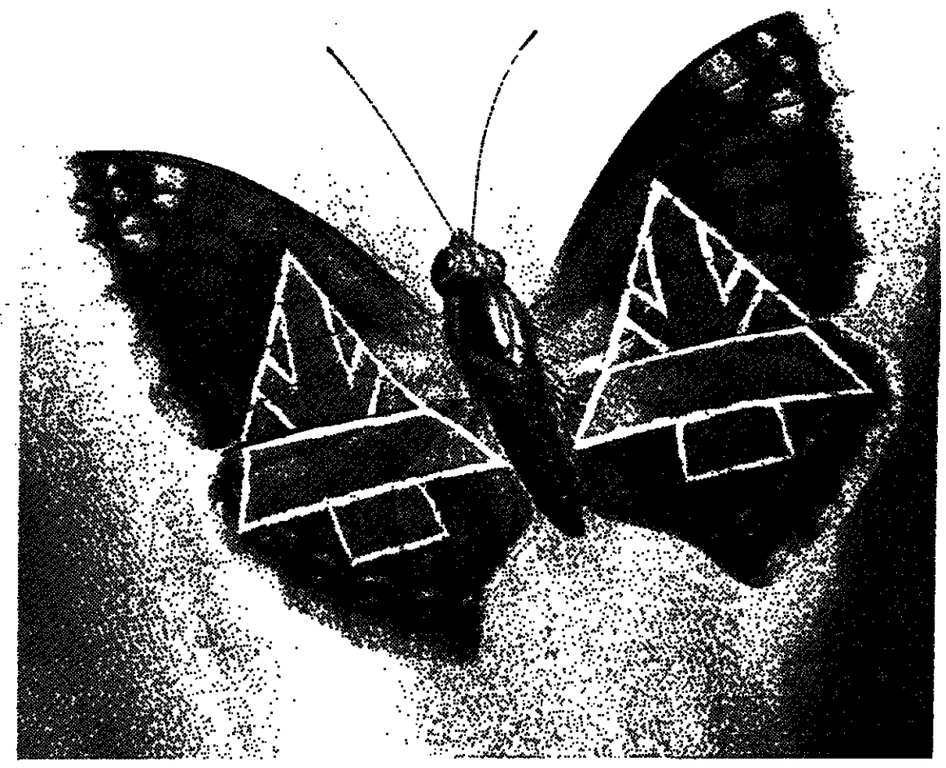

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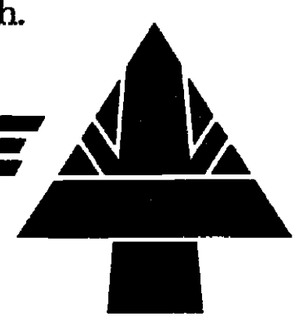

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Bakhtiar murder link to feuding in Tehran goverment

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE LAST prime minister of Iran under the Shah, Dr Shahpour Bakhtiar, who tried in vain to provide the bridge to the new emerging nation, was assassinated in Paris yesterday — apparently an indirect victim of another political sea-change in his country.

A frail 76-year-old, he could no longer be considered a real threat to the mullahs' regime he had implacably opposed. The National Movement of the Iranian Resistance, which he founded, no longer attracts the support of young Iranians and it has also lost the financial underpinning of the Saudis and others.

In the absence of any claim for the killing, Dr Bakhtiar appeared to be another victim of the continuing struggle in Tehran between those who want better relations with the West and those wary of the effects upon the Islamic regime. The aim appeared to be to embarrass President Rafsanjani on the day that he should have been gaining maximum prestige from the release of John McCarthy by Islamic Jihad.

Dr Bakhtiar's death appeared to be a demonstration to Mr Rafsanjani that his opponents still have the potential to stop Iran rejoining the international fold. Reports from Iran speak of many hangings of opponents of the regime in recent months as the Iranian tragedy continues to play itself out.

Dr Bakhtiar's body was found on a sofa at his home and that of an aide lay a few yards away. It was clearly a long-planned operation and must have depended on infiltration of his personal guard in the Suresnes suburb of Paris. French police stood outside the house and two officers were normally on guard in the next room.

It was not the first time that attempts had been made on Mr Bakhtiar's life. Eleven years ago a five-man commando of gunmen posing as journalists tried to assassinate him. Two died in that attempt, one of them a policeman.

The former Iranian president, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, also a Parisian exile, said he saw a clear link between the crime and the release of John McCarthy. They freed the hostage to cover the assassination, Mr Bani-Sadr told French radio. He said the murder was ordered by the mullahs.

The killing comes four months after Abdel Rahman Boroumand, a key aide who took over the exiled opposition movement founded by Dr Bakhtiar, was murdered on a Paris street. Police said there were no signs of a struggle nor of the house being broken into. Police and a forensic pathologist searched the house yesterday and the area was sealed off.

The French government condemned the murder, and said it was awaiting the results of the police enquiry. Relations between France and Iran have improved recently; President Mitterrand is scheduled to visit the country later this year following the agreement of a dispute over a billion-dollar loan.

Anis Naccache, a pro-Iranian fighter, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the attempt on Dr Bakhtiar's life in 1980 but was pardoned by M Mitterrand on July 27, 1990 and expelled to Tehran. His release caused an uproar in France.

According to a recent book by Mr Bani-Sadr, the conservative government of Jacques Chirac, which served under M Mitterrand for two years until 1988, promised to release Mr Naccache in exchange for French hostages held in Lebanon. However, M Chirac denied the story. In December 1979, the nephew of the Shah of Iran, Shahryar Mustapha Shafiq, was killed in another attack for which Iranian fundamentalists claimed responsibility.

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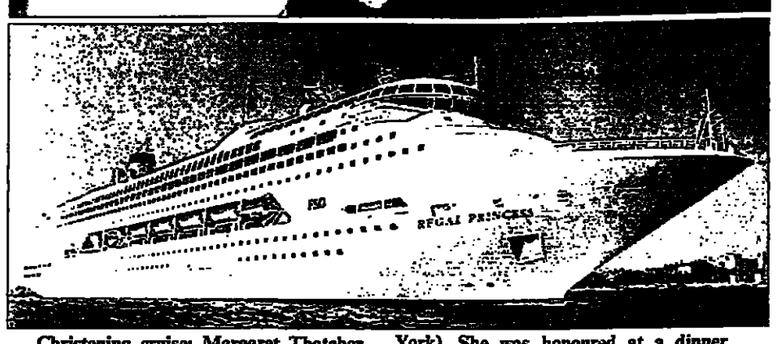

Christening cruise: Margaret Thatcher, accompanied by her husband, Sir Denis, being greeted by Henry Kissinger on board the Regal Princess in New York harbour. Mrs Thatcher was later due to christen the 70,000-tonne P&O liner (above), which cost $200 million (£117 million) to build (Reuter reports from New York). She was honoured at a dinner attended by more than 650 guests, including William F. Buckley and Barbara Walters. A message from Ronald Reagan, the former American president, and film of her accomplishments in fostering Anglo-US relations during her 11 years as prime minister, were shown.

US team strives to secure peace conference deal

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AMERICAN negotiators in Jerusalem this week are hoping to complete two memoranda of understanding aimed at securing Israeli and Palestinian acceptance of Washington's proposed October peace conference.

The American team, which includes Aaron Miller, a US State Department policy official, Daniel Kurtzer, the deputy under-secretary of state for Near East affairs, and Edmond Hall, a National Security Council member, has begun work with senior Israeli officials on committing to paper the agreements reached between James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister.

An Israeli official said yesterday: "The talks are going smoothly and we do not expect any significant problems to arise." He predicted that the discussions could be finalised in the coming weeks, well before the conference is convened.

He said Israel was seeking, and was expected to receive, American guarantees about the composition of the Palestinian delegation. Israel has made clear that it will not attend the conference if the Palestine Liberation Organisation or Palestinians from the diaspora or east Jerusalem are represented. The Israelis also want assurances that America will respect policy statements made by previous administrations on the status of Israeli-occupied Arab lands and that Israel will not be forced to cede territories it captured in 1967.

Although Israeli fears are likely to be allayed, the Palestinian side, whose leadership has still not made up its mind, will probably present more difficulties. When the American side opens discussions with them today, it will find the Palestinian response hampered by the indecision of Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, who is banned from taking part in the talks, but whose approval of the Palestinian delegation is required before credible leaders will come forward.

It now seems clear that Elias Freij, the Christian mayor of Bethlehem, who is visiting the United States, will be one of the delegates. There is also likely to be a representative from the Gaza Strip, possibly Dr Zacharia al-Agha who has met Mr Baker several times. But Israel would consider the attendance of Faisal Husseini, the most prominent Palestinian figure in the occupied territories, unacceptable because he lives in Jerusalem.

However, Israeli and Palestinian sources predicted that the remaining obstacles would be overcome by the time the United Nations General Assembly meets at the end of September, when both sides are expected to initial the memoranda in Washington.

● **Copenhagen:** Denmark has offered to host the proposed Middle East peace conference (Christopher Follet writes).

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish foreign minister, said he had contacted all the parties involved, including America and the Soviet Union, and he had proposed Copenhagen as the venue. According to diplomatic sources, other possible locations are Oslo, Washington and Cyprus.

PLO will 'not block the talks'

From REUTER IN NEW YORK

THE Egyptian foreign minister says the Palestine Liberation Organisation is unlikely to block Palestinian participation in a Middle East peace conference even if the delegation does not include its own members, according to *The New York Times*.

The minister, Amr Moussa, said in an interview with the newspaper on Wednesday that he thought the Palestinian leadership would settle on what he described as one of several "imaginative alternatives" now being discussed to resolve the struggle between Israel and the Palestinians over the participation of delegates from east Jerusalem. He criticised Israel for trying to set conditions for the conference, and said he believed "there is room for a pleasant surprise on the part of the Palestinians" on the question of their accepting a joint delegation with Jordan.

Mr Moussa said, however, that the question of Jerusalem remained an obstacle to the talks. Israel has refused to accept an east Jerusalem Arab on the Palestinian negotiating team, fearing that this would undermine the Jewish state's claim to sovereignty over the whole city. "None of us will accept any decrees of unilateral actions by Israel when it comes to Jerusalem," Mr Moussa said.

The issue of Palestinian representation thwarted efforts to hold a peace conference in 1990 and its resolution would break an impasse over the new conference.

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NICOSIA NOTEBOOK
by Michael Theodoulou

Menu dishes up problems

An American mediator said yesterday that he believed the differences between Greek and Turkish Cypriots could be settled in time for a conference on the divided island to be convened next month.

Hopes of a breakthrough are at their highest for years. "We are in the middle of a delicate negotiating process which shows promise," Nelson Ledsky, the State Department's special Cyprus coordinator, added. Nevertheless, frustrated diplomats in Nicosia have great difficulty even in organising what they call CBMs (confidence-building measures) between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

Bringing groups of artists or environmentalists to work on joint projects sounds fine in theory. But which side prepares the sandwiches for their first meeting? If a Greek Cypriot eats a Turkish Cypriot sandwich, is he not propping up the economy of the breakaway state? If a Turkish Cypriot succumbs to Greek Cypriot orange juice, is he not accepting a subtle form of political domination?

Such concerns are put aside when there is a burning need to co-operate. When the 1974 hostilities left an unfinished sewage plant in Nicosia's Turkish-occupied sector, the capital's Greek and Turkish municipalities got together to complete it. As one cynic put it, the two sides needed UN peacekeepers to keep them from each other's throats, but rushed to share the same lavatories.

Now Greek and Turkish Cypriot workers are uniting to fight a British government decision that will make 400 maintenance workers at Britain's two bases redundant. The workers were employed by the Public Services Agency, which Michael Heseltine has decided to privatise. Trade unionists from both sides of the green line meet this month to decide on a course of joint action.

Some 2,350 other Cypriots work at the British bases, but are employed by the defence ministry. Including families, the bases help to support about 10,000 Cypriots. That is one reason why there are so few protests against the presence of the sprawling bases. Akrotiri on the southern coast is the RAF's biggest base anywhere in the world, including Britain. Periodically the large and powerful communist party, which is closely aligned to Moscow, denounces the bases as bastions of colonialism.

The Soviet Union has always been unhappy about the British bases in Cyprus. The bases bristle with radio aerials sucking information from the ether over the Soviet Union. But most of the Cypriots working on the bases come from communist villages, so there is little real agitation by the party.

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Croat soldier is killed as ceasefire fails to hold

From TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB AND GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

A CROAT national guardsman was killed and three people were wounded in a grenade attack on the first full day of the Croatian ceasefire, according to the ministry of information in Zagreb, the Croatian capital.

The violence came as European and American officials began a two-day meeting in Prague yesterday in the latest international attempt to end the fighting in Yugoslavia. The meeting was held up for several hours because the Yugoslav delegation failed to appear. Borisav Jovic, Serbia's representative on the Yugoslav federal presidency, accused "certain Western countries" of trying to undermine Serbia by supporting the separatism of Slovenia and Croatia.

Hopes have been pinned on the new conflict-management mechanisms of the Prague based Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) after the failure of successive European Community peace missions. The CSCE arrangements are, however, untried. Diplomats said that there was little the CSCE could do without the consent of the federal Yugoslav government, which is divided.

The CSCE is housed in the 17th-century Cernin Palace, near Prague Castle. Although decorated with 30 palladian half pillars, it is sadly dilapidated and is being restored to the sound of pneumatic drills and sandblasting equipment. The CSCE delegates will hope to perform similar restoration work on the Yugoslav federation before the country is enveloped in outright civil war. With 35 members, all with a right of veto, the organisation is unwieldy. The Yugoslav conflict is the first real test for the 20-year-old European security organisation since it was reborn last November.

Stipe Mesic, the Yugoslav president who is Croatia's representative on the eight-man federal presidency, said in Zagreb he was "sceptical" about the truce "at least until the Serbs drop their demand that all Serbs live in one state". In spite of yesterday's incident the number of mortar and machinegun attacks by Serb militiamen has fallen recently. This raises the question of whether the truce is being observed for the CSCE meeting or whether it is more durable.

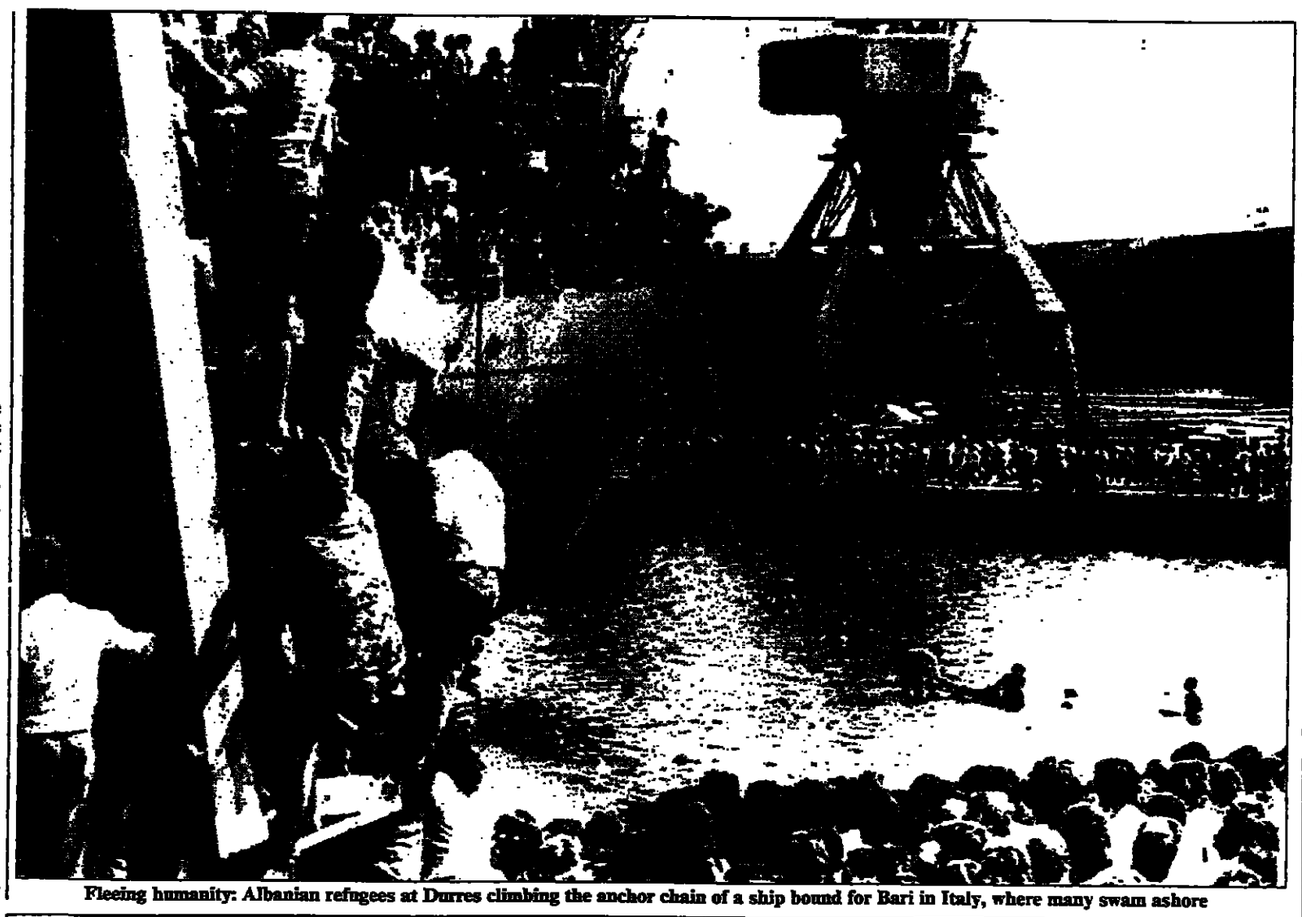
Mr Mesic said that local ceasefire commissions would have to involve members of Serb militias, but added that this was a question of practicalities and did not give them any political legitimacy. Zagreb said that, while it accepted the ceasefire, it condemned the resolution's wording because "the aggressors in the conflict are being given a mediating role and the initiatives of the world community are being avoided".

The role of the army was also attacked by Mr Mesic, who said that only one person had been killed before the troops intervened. Since then hundreds had died. "Extremists have been encouraged by the army's actions," he said. He was unable to answer detailed questions about possible negotiations beyond saying that they had to be held with "legitimate representatives" of Croatian Serbs. He accused Milan Babic, the leader of the breakaway Serb enclave of Krajina of being "the culprit behind the bloodshed".

On television, Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia, again ruled out any foreign peacekeeping force and said he had absolutely no reason to oppose Croatian independence but that "they cannot take any Serbs with them".

Despite yesterday's lull in the violence, it was clear that, with no political initiative on either side, the truce must remain very shaky.

Mesic: remains sceptical about chances of truce



Fleeing humanity: Albanian refugees at Durres climbing the anchor chain of a ship bound for Bari in Italy, where many swam ashore

Germany relies on a new broom to clear its rising tide of rubbish

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

EVERY six months the pavements in the sedate diplomatic area of Bad Godesberg take on the general appearance of a seedy East End boot sale. Ancient refrigerators, collapsed sofas and contorted standard lamps jostle for space in front of neat houses, blocks of luxury flats and even, discreetly pushed to one side, outside ambassadorial residences.

Rubbish scavangers ferret through the piles of junk left out for this heavy rubbish collection, designed to dispose of those articles other collections cannot carry. With their trollies, pushcarts and vans, these Rhineside Steptoes tour the area before the dustbin men arrive.

The other special collection, every month or so, is for waste paper. This is carried out according to a rota that every environmentally conscious citizen seems to understand instinctively. Bonn residents know how to watch their waste.

Which is probably one reason why the suburb of Endenich has been chosen as one of two guinea-pig areas (the other is Potsdam) to test what will probably be

the world's first comprehensive national private rubbish collection service. This has been forced on a reluctant packaging industry by tough legislation aimed at halving Germany's annual output of household rubbish from 32 to 16 million tonnes. The Waste Disposal Act, given parliamentary approval last April, comes into full operation at the start of 1993; by the start of next year, half of all sales packaging produced will have to be collected and recycled. Under the act, customers will be able to take back the packaging of any item they have bought and dump it at the shop. Packaging does not mean just the toothpaste's cardboard box but the tube itself.

The environment ministry's reasoning was that if shopkeepers were obliged to pay for the collection of all this rubbish, they would urge industry to abandon present packaging methods and develop new, less wasteful, ways of distributing produce. Modern packaging has become so useful for transporting, preserving and selling goods, however, that industry decided it cannot do without it.

Retailers, manufacturers, packagers and traders closed ranks to form Duales System Deutschland, which now has 400 companies including chemical giants such as Bayer among its shareholders. Its aim is to exploit a let-out clause that exempts all sales packaging provided that alternative waste-disposal and recycling arrangements are provided by the manufacturers.

The group's ultimate intention is to provide every household in Germany with a separate bright yellow dustbin for recyclable packaging. Until that can be organised, the plan is to provide at least one huge bright yellow dustbin for every 500 homes in the city or 200 homes in the country. By the end of this year about 11 million people should be within range of a bright yellow bin.

The company's enthusiastic shareholders believe their investment will put Germany at the forefront of the world rubbish market.

Refugees swim to shore

From REUTER IN BARI, ITALY

A SHIP packed with thousands of Albanian refugees forced its way into Bari harbour in southern Italy yesterday. Many of the passengers jumped overboard and swam ashore to seek asylum. Italy forced at least four other ships carrying thousands of Albanians to stay at sea off its coast.

Albania said that it had put its ports under military control and had halted passenger trains to try to stem a fresh exodus of refugees to Italy. While Italian officials coped with frenetic scenes at Bari, the Maltese government allowed two ships carrying more than 600 Albanians to enter Valetta's Grand Harbour.

The arrival in Bari, on Italy's southeastern Adriatic coast, of the 8,000-tonne freighter Vlore was reminiscent of the influx of 24,000 Albanians into Italy last March on board ships and makeshift rafts. Only 1,250 of the 24,000 have been granted political asylum; nearly half have returned home. Italy said it would send back the new refugees and wanted to give Albania more aid to persuade people to stay at home.

The Vlore sailed from the Albanian port of Durres on Wednesday after clashes between police officers and crowds desperate to leave their poverty-stricken country. Two people died. When the ship, carrying 10,000, according to one estimate, reached Bari it forced its way past a blockade of motorboats and police launches. Young men in swimming trunks hurled themselves off the ship into the harbour and swam to a concrete pier where dozens of ambulances waited to treat the injured. Red Cross workers said none of the refugees was seriously hurt.

US told to release Noriega files

Miami — A federal judge has ordered the United States government to hand over classified documents at the heart of efforts by Manuel Noriega, the former Panamanian leader, to show he worked with US intelligence agencies in Central American drug deals.

The ruling followed a week of closed hearings last month attended by prosecutors and lawyers for the defence, the CIA and the State Department. "It is now not going to be what the government wanted it to be — a garden-variety, run-of-the-mill drug case," Frank Rubino, a defence lawyer, said. "It's going to be in the context of what was really happening in Central and South America."

The federal court judge refused to grant the defence access to documents showing whether intelligence agencies used military bases to store drugs bound for the US, and declared irrelevant the alleged secret US co-operation with Panamanian troops to plant bombs in the Panama Canal zone over the Panama Canal Treaty.

The judge also barred mention of an alleged plan in the early 1970s to assassinate Noriega because the justice department said the plan was never taken seriously. *(AP)*

Afghan kidnap

Geneva — Armed Afghan guerrillas seized Alexandre Ghelew, aged 27, a Swiss representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross, as he escorted home a patient who had had a leg amputated in Afghanistan, a Red Cross spokesman said here. *(Reuter)*

Kal memorial

Seoul — President Gorbachev has invited relatives of people killed when Soviet fighters shot down Korean Air Lines (KAL) flight 007 in 1983 to visit the remote crash site for a memorial service, a spokesman for the South Korean foreign ministry said here. *(Reuter)*

Ex-leader jailed

Santo Domingo — The former Dominican president, Salvador Jorge Blanco, aged 62, has been convicted of corruption and jailed for 20 years. He was sent with his co-defendant, the former defence minister, General Manuel Antonio Cuervo Gomez, to a high-security jail. *(Reuter)*

Resignation call

Milwaukee — Police officers here demanded the resignation of their senior officer because he suspended and planned to sack three officers who failed to stop confessed killer Jeffrey Dahmer's murder spree. The police chief, Philip Arreola, said he would not quit. *(Reuter)*

News hounds

Golden, Colorado — A former television reporter who was convicted of staging dog fights for a programme called "Blood Sport" to boost her station's ratings could be jailed for 10 years. Wendy Bergen, aged 35, will be sentenced next month. *(AP)*

Redrafted Soviet party plan sticks to radical line

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet press published yesterday the latest, and probably final, version of the Communist party's official policy document — without the most eye-catching dismissals of communism contained in the previous draft.

Gone is the definition of Bolshevism as a system of views reflecting attitudes and illusions from the turn of the last century. Gone, too, is a paragraph abrogating once and for all the principle that "the end justifies the means". That has been replaced by a bland reference to the party's intention to operate only within the law.

Elsewhere, in a gesture clearly directed at party conservatives worried that too many icons are being smashed, the number of references to "socialism" and "Lenin" has been increased, and the party is credited with initiating glasnost and perestroika. A general acknowledgement that sources for contemporary socialist theory include, "with marxism, other conceptions of Soviet and world thinking" has been replaced with a sentence that reads: "Reviving and developing the basic humanitarian principles of the teaching of Marx, Engels and Lenin, we include in our ideological arsenal the whole wealth of Soviet and world socialist and democratic thinking."

Despite the changes, the overall direction of the party's policy programme for the 1990s remains no less radical than the version presented to the party central committee last month. The editorial changes have been skilfully made to create the impression that old gods are still respected and that 70 years of communism have been more than a catalogue of errors. Most of the more conservative editorial changes relate to assessments of the past rather than guidelines for the future.

The drafting committee has, however, included several policy changes that make the programme more radical than its predecessor. The use of a late editing session not just to satisfy critics but also to introduce extra reformist touches is a characteristic Gorbachevite manoeuvre.

Among these changes are repeated references to the desirability of "social consensus", a Gorbachev hallmark, and greater enthusiasm for the market economy. There is a far more positive attitude to business. The earlier draft pledged that communists would not be prejudiced against business; the new one says: "We reject any discrimination on social or professional grounds. The party takes a positive attitude to the useful work of private entrepreneurs so long as it is within the law."

The last edition of the party programme, drafted by a committee chaired by Mr Gorbachev, was presented at last month's plenum of the party's central committee. Despite predictions of an all-out battle and a possible party split over the document, it was approved in principle with relative ease. The most damning comments accused it of being anodyne, although one committee member described it as "the epitaph of communism".

The latest edition is no less an epitaph for communism, but it will allow the party to rest in greater peace.

Kaifu visit gives nod to China's return to favour

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

TOSHIKI Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, arrives in Peking tomorrow as the first leader of a leading industrial nation to visit China since the brutal suppression of pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square two years ago.

The visit marks the public resumption of Japan's full economic and political support for China, which was suspended in line with Group of Seven policy, after the massacre in June 1989. The prime minister will hold talks with Li Peng, the premier, and Jiang Zemin, the Communist party general secretary, and may meet the elderly Deng Xiaoping. On Tuesday he will make a brief visit to Mongolia to offer Japan's support for the nation's moves towards multi-party democracy and a market economy.

Mr Kaifu told Japanese journalists last week that he hopes to restore friendly ties with China and to "overcome the various happenings" that have coloured bilateral relations in recent years. No specific mention was made of the Tiananmen incident. The main issue of discussion is expected to be the need for strengthened bilateral relations leading to greater economic development and stability for China and, by extension, for the Asia-Pacific region.

Ever since the 1989 massacre, Japan has gone to great lengths to persuade its leading industrial partners of the importance of high-level dialogue and to cajole them into lifting bans on aid and investment. "Our relationship with China is one of the most important pillars of Japanese diplomacy," said Yuji Miyamoto, director of the foreign ministry's China and Mongolia division. "In terms of Japan's survival and future prosperity, China is very, very important." The prime minister is expected to announce a government loan of Y700 billion (over £3 billion) to Beijing for energy projects.

Mr Kaifu's visit should not only be interpreted as a strategic move for Japan. It also represents a diplomatic victory for China. The Chinese government has already been flattered this year by visits from Japan's finance minister, trade and industry minister, and foreign minister — the faces of some of the most powerful institutions in Japan. With the accolade of a prime ministerial visit, the Chinese administration will have the chance to persuade its people of its international respectability and emphasise that the world has apparently forgotten the killings of 1989.

Unlike other visiting foreign dignitaries, Mr Kaifu will not be presenting his hosts with a list of suspected human rights infringements. He will convey the G7 London summit message on human rights and democracy but the issue will be low on his agenda.

Indications that China still has the reflexes of a totalitarian state — the reports of continuing arrests, trials and detentions of pro-democracy dissidents — cannot have gone unnoticed by the Japanese government. Japan is, however, loath to do anything that might upset the precarious balance of the giant on its doorstep.

The eruption of another Tiananmen incident could unleash a wave of refugees on to such frontline nations as Japan. "Political stability comes before the issue of human rights for us. The worry of an influx of refugees is very real," said Kozo Horiuchi, the chief economist at the Japan Development Bank.

Bolger: will not change his anti-nuclear stance

Challenge to policy

From RICHARD LONG IN WELLINGTON

NEW ZEALAND'S anti-nuclear stand, which has prevented visits by US and Royal Navy ships, was challenged last night by Don McKinnon, the deputy prime minister and foreign minister.

Mr McKinnon argued in a speech that New Zealand should rejoin its traditional allies in collective security. Economic and defence policies were complementary, he said, and the country could not afford to be isolationist.

Mr McKinnon resigned as defence spokesman when the National party adopted Labour's anti-nuclear stance before last year's election. Jim Bolger, the prime minister, says the policy will not change.

Oceanos skipper offered new ship

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A MARINE court of enquiry with disciplinary powers is to investigate the sinking of the Greek liner Oceanos last Sunday.

Piet Welgemoed, the transport minister, said yesterday that a preliminary investigation, which took evidence from Captain Yiannis Avranas and others, had recommended that a court of enquiry be appointed. The court would be empowered to fine Captain Avranas or withdraw his licence if he were found to have been negligent, and could recommend that other governments take similar action.

Mr Welgemoed said that the Greek government had offered to send a shipping expert to take part. The findings of the preliminary investigation would not be made public.

The minister said he hoped the enquiry would clear up any uncertainties over the government's handling of the emergency. South African port authorities have rejected accusations by Captain Avranas that they were slow to respond to his Mayday messages.

Many of the 571 people on board the liner, which went down in a force nine gale off the Transkei coast, accused Captain Avranas of abandoning old and infirm passengers on the sinking ship. The captain said yesterday that he has been offered another, new passenger liner, and defended leaving his ship and its passengers before it sank.

He was accused of jumping into a helicopter when there were still about 170 passengers on board the Oceanos some four hours before it sank. He told the Afrikaans-language *Beeld* newspaper that he was considering another offer by the Greek Epirotiki line that owned the Oceanos.

Captain Avranas said firmly that the international criticism over his abandoning the ship was "unfounded and spawned out of ignorance". All 571 people on the ship's list were rescued before the vessel went down.

"At no single stage was I afraid. I know the sea very well and knew exactly what to do to save the passengers on board my beloved ship," he said. He was heartsore over the criticism, and had initially decided to isolate himself. But he decided to speak in order, he said, to put the record straight. As soon as the investigation was complete, he would return to Greece, he added.

Home guard on Tamils' track

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ERAVUR, EASTERN SRI LANKA

SRI LANKA has set up a Muslim home guard to fight the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in the ethnically divided east of the country. A peasants' army equipped mainly with shotguns, the guard has quickly established a reputation among Tamils for harshness. Its principal task is to save Muslims from further massacres by Tamils.

The Tamil-Muslim divide is now complete, judging by what has happened in the Eravur region, one of two areas of substantial Muslim concentration in the east. The 8,000 Sinhalese who once lived here have long since fled, leaving 85,000 Tamils and 40,000 Muslims to live together as enemies.

An army checkpoint separates Tamil from Muslim in Eravur's narrow main street. On the Muslim side hole-in-the-wall shops are open and people are heeding the call to prayers; on the other, looted Tamil stores are boarded up and deserted, and people are wandering around aimlessly. Many women, children in their arms, are begging. Their homes have been destroyed.

Tamil and Muslim populations each believe the other is trying to drive them out. Ahmed Lebbe, leader of the Mohaden Juma mosque, one of 13 in the town, said the Tigers wanted to clear the entire eastern province of Muslims. On the other side of the army checkpoint, Murugesu Nadarayah, a road worker, said Muslims wanted to grab Tamil land and property. "Our people are starving. There are too many refugees from the north." Waving an arm towards the boarded-up shops, he said: "They were looted by the Muslims and the army working together."

The Tigers have driven Muslims out of the northen peninsula of Jaffna, accusing them of being government informers. Most have settled in the east, where a roughly equal mix of Tamils, Sinhalese and Muslims make the region a communal tinderbox. There are woefully inadequate facilities for them once they arrive and many end up in bleak refugee camps.

At least 25 guerrillas and five soldiers have been killed in continuing battles with Tamil rebels at the strategic Elephant Pass, according to the military. Twenty-nine soldiers were injured as they tried to extend their control around an army base after breaking a 25-day rebel siege at Elephant Pass last Saturday.

Commandant Anne Spencer, the director of the Wrens, talks to **Kate Muir** about the new place of women in the navy

Who's afraid of female sailors?

So excited were many smaller-sized newspapers by the thought of women going to sea with the Royal Navy last year that one decided to illustrate its series of features with an appropriate logo: "HMS Loveboat" written on a lifebelt. It had all the makings of the perfect read, young men and women trapped for months at a time in ships just full of cabins, angry navy wives bemoaning their lot on shore, and then the ultimate front-page blessing: a male and female officer caught kneeling naked at either end of a bunk.

Such public prurience has not made the job of the new director of the Women's Royal Naval Service easy. Commandant Anne Spencer has coped with non-stop controversy since taking up the post at the end of the Gulf war. Reporters have been lurking on docksides offering "my girls" hundreds of pounds for shipboard secrets and photographs, research has begun into women joining submarines, and June saw the first court martial of officers for breaking – in spectacular style – the "no touching" rule on board HMS Brilliant on patrol in the Gulf.

'We really would be very naïve if we didn't expect people to form relationships, but not on board ship'

But Commandant Spencer is impressively unflustered. She has that girls-will-be-girls look of resignation when shipboard romps are mentioned. "I think it's inevitable. We really would be very naïve if we didn't expect people to form relationships, but not on board ship. Not where it could be prejudicial to good order. We were bound to get publicity because everyone is watching us at the moment."

In her office above Admiralty Arch, the 52-year-old commandant looks most unlike the expected hatchet-jawed military woman. She continues. "It's a pity something like that has to go to public court martial, but the captain of Brilliant had already punished them within his powers on board ship." She looks close to grinning. "But that obviously did not have the desired effect."

The director has to be careful about what she says, because the navy is a minefield of easily-bruised male egos, and she must negotiate the corridors of the Ministry of Defence like a minesweeper. For it was only in February last year that the dreaded things in skirts were allowed at sea. Before, they had been shore-safe secretaries, radar-operators, administrators. But now Wrens are learning to fly Lynx anti-submarine warfare helicopters, and push the buttons on missiles. When they work as well, if not better than male colleagues, sulking occurs.

"I've noticed it a bit among some of the mid-seniority officers, the petty officers. I keep trying to think what it is. Maybe it's because they've always been at sea with men, adjusting is difficult."

The decision to have female sailors came as rather a shock. A report was commissioned in 1989 on sending British women to sea – after all, the Americans had already allowed their women to go to sea, though only on support ships – but most people in the navy assumed it would float from office to office for a while. Others hoped it would sink without trace. Instead, the armed forces minister, Archie Hamilton, announced in early 1990 that he wanted full value for money from the Wrens, so they would go to sea immediately. On battleships if need be.

Suddenly, Britain had sent women into combat, on the front line, and put itself far in advance of the Americans. Commandant Spencer, however, still treads carefully. It does not do, she says, to go in shouting and screaming about equality and feminism. Quiet encouragement is better. "I think that's where the Americans went wrong. A lot of banging the table doesn't do any good, and I think now they're going back to a more subtle approach."

But the integration of the 4,266 previously separate Wrens and naval nurses, with their own recruitment, promotions, and even different ranks, has to some extent lessened the role of the director, who is more of a watchdog now for women's conditions. There is no woman on the Admiralty Board. Sometimes Commandant Spencer feels like "a masonic wife, for want of a better description. You know a lot that's going on, and then there's a part you just don't know."

When she joined the Wrens as a trainee officer in catering and supply in 1962, few women stuck the job for long, because promotion prospects were poor. The uniform was smart. There were plenty of brass buttons, but it was like being an air hostess without being able to fly.

Not only that, but until a few years ago women who married were discharged. Which meant Commandant Spencer had to stay single to reach the top. After starting in catering, she escaped to become staff officer to the head of naval intelligence, and then worked for Nato in Brussels.

Her training as an officer was very different from the unisex course at the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth today. "There was no physical training or weapon handling. It was very ladylike. All we had was a games afternoon every Wednesday. We had drill, just 14 of us, every morning, and all the men used to look out of the college windows and laugh at us."

MICHAEL POWELL

Sticking close to her desk: Anne Spencer says naval training for women was very different in her day

Lessons consisted of a lot of naval history, and something called "broadening of outlook", which in Commandant Spencer's case was a visit to the Old Bailey, where she caught the Christine Keeler trial. The navy then was extremely careful about allowing women officers to come too close. Even when assigned to one of the bases in the Portsmouth area to work, they were bussed home at night to their own barracks to avoid any impropriety.

Now, more than 400 Wrens are deep in the impropriety of sharing a ship for long tours with their male colleagues, and there have only been two breaches of the "no touching" rule, and a few pregnancies. People who oppose women at sea may say otherwise, but Wrens who become pregnant are likely to be married or have boyfriends elsewhere in the navy. Besides, this is not a bad record compared with the traditional, though unquantifiable, misbehaviour of sailors on shore leave. Those compiling the Wrens at sea report in 1989 were also worried that the move would encourage "girls of a certain type" – navyspeak for lesbians – to join up. "They are exactly the same. There's no noticeable difference," is the ambiguous and politic answer.

Commandant Spencer thinks that despite fears that women would destroy the wonders of male bonding on board ship, in fact the mixed atmosphere is better. "You know how you can tell when you walk into a wardroom [officers' mess] that the atmosphere is a good one. There's more talking. It's more natural, and people who have just left mixed education expect nothing else."

Those new female sailors have a huge head start on their director already. When Commandant Spencer joined up, the privilege of going to sea was not available. She knows her job backwards, but she has less seagoing experience than the average pensioner on a world cruise.

How to finance a riding habit

Why a champion three-day eventer is seeking a horse through the small ads

Lucinda hasn't got a horse. At least, this is what some may have concluded when Lucinda Green, the six times Badminton Horse Trials champion, advertised for horses to ride. How could one of Britain's greatest sporting heroines have got herself into this predicament?

Mrs Green, née Prior-Palmer, is reassuring. The problem is not one of horses – "I actually have four horses and very wonderful sponsors" – but rather of horses for courses: "It is just incredibly difficult to find a top quality horse unless you have a great deal of money."

So Mrs Green placed an advertisement in *Eventing* magazine asking: "Has anyone got a horse six years old or over, intermediate or advanced, that they would like me to ride?" On the train to her home in Hampshire after a day of meetings in London, she elaborates on the "exorbitantly expensive" sport of three-day eventing. "It costs between £12,000 and £15,000 a year to keep an event horse, and you really need up to six horses at different stages if you want to continue in competition for long," she says. "Eventing is one of the most expensive sports in the world. With a little luck getting to the top is not a problem; it is staying there that is the nightmare."

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She has been riding since she was four, had her own pony at nine and her first horse at 15. She went from pony club to the Olympic Games in seven years, and has won Badminton on seven different horses.

On first acquaintance it is hard to believe that she has had any financial problems. She lives on her family's estate in a DIY timber-frame Scandinavian house with her Australian husband, David, another three-day eventer, and their two children, Freddie and Lissa. They employ a head girl and two assistants, and there is a secretary and a nanny. Mrs Green is sponsored by Sun Systems, a small company that makes accountancy softwear for computers, and Mr Green is sponsored by Oakley Press, a printer, and a lady called Trisha Rickards.

The situation seems rosy, but Mrs Green has been plagued by financial worries since she was chosen for the British team at 17. "My father came out of retirement at 70 to try to pay for my horses, and I think the strain of it probably killed him," she says.

A year after Major-General Errol Prior-Palmer died, in 1977, his daughter became the first eventer to find sponsorship in order to compete. As one of Britain's top sportswomen, it did not prove too difficult. And it surely delighted her sponsors that she is also very attractive. Dressed in a short jeans skirt she so captivated a businessman seated nearby in the train that he opened the carriage door as she got off, and stood waving goodbye.

But what do you do if you lack looks and a name? There are 17,000 registered eventers, with more entering every year, but very few riders win sponsorship. "The only way a lot of them can do it is by selling their horses to foreigners once they have done well in an event," Mrs Green says. "There is such a demand for British-trained horses that you can fund a whole stable for a year by selling one successful horse." Only last week the 1991 Badminton winner, Rodney Powell, sold his winning mount, The Irishman, to America's top rider, Bruce Davidson, for about £90,000.

"If you are in racing or showjumping there is the social appeal for sponsors, but eventing is a much more homely event and it is difficult to televise well so sponsors don't like it," Mrs Green says. "The prize money is only a gesture. The winner of Badminton gets £15,000, and entry fees are often about £100. Even if you won every competition you couldn't support yourself."

Mrs Green's sponsors are "very generous" but she still thinks that she will have to write a "dirty novel" to sustain her habit, and she will not even think about how the family are going to survive when she and her husband finish eventing.

But all is not gloom. Mrs Green, who is one of the 12 committee members on the Horse Trials Committee, the governing board for the 170 eventing competitions in Britain, says: "Surprisingly, it is not the very rich who succeed. If you have got what it takes you will find a way, and knowing the sacrifices everyone is having to make for you gives you the added determination to win."

ALICE THOMSON

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Uneasy rider: Lucinda Green eventing at Blenheim

Small bed and breakfast

Parents may warm to a 'hotel' which welcomes (unaccompanied) children

PIPPA Deakin's "hotel" for children may not be quite the Ritz, but it is a far cry from Dotheboys Hall. The ten-bedroom house in Fulham Road, London, – officially designated a "nursery school with auxiliary facilities" – which plans to open this autumn will provide bed (decorated with a Beatrix Potter counterpane) and breakfast (cereal) for children from two to 12, at £25 a night. Room service will include bedtime reading of classics and a 24-hour nanny service. The staff to guest ratio is generous: one nanny to every three children.

Miss Deakin believes that parents, who may be paying £40 a day for a nanny, or £4 an hour for babysitting plus supper and a taxi home, will find her scheme attractive.

Although she is not professionally trained, 25-year-old Miss Deakin has had ten years of practical experience looking after children, as a teacher at Hill House prep school in west London and a governess in Cyprus to a family with three children. On her return to England she advertised her services in local Fulham nursery schools, offering to pick children up from school and keep them happy until their parents returned from work. She has named her new venture Pippa's Pop-Ins, after the nickname she earned for the number of times she popped in to pick up other people's children.

"I realised there was a niche in the market if you could implement the idea properly," Miss Deakin says. Her confidence seems justified – seven children have been booked in for the opening night.

Giles Ashby has made a reservation for Toby, aged four, and William, two. "I've known Pippa all her life," he says. "The boys have already been to the house and can't wait to return."

All the staff nannies will have NNEB qualifications or those from other recognised training grounds. She has also arranged for two doctors and a dentist to be available on a 24-hour basis for emergencies.

The premises have been adapted to comply with the safety requirements in the 1989 Children's Act. The walls are sound-proofed in deference to residential neighbours. The bathroom floors are parquet, less slippery than lino and safer than tiles. The doors are fireproof with self closers, there is a child-proof gate at the top of each flight of stairs and windows have safety bars. Any locks on the bathroom doors are placed out of children's reach. Lavatories and basins are child-sized.

ADRIAN BROOKS

And teddy came too: Pippa Deakin in the nursery

Miss Deakin has worked closely with Hammersmith and Fulham council on her scheme. Although the council's planning department has yet to grant planning permission for change of use on the four-storey Georgian house, previously residential, a spokesman for the council's social services department says: "We very much welcome the idea, and we've supported Pippa Deakin in establishing the nursery school."

PARENTS leaving their children overnight are expected to check them in between 5pm and 7pm. After supper (the à la carte menu will include shepherd's pie, sausages and mash, and ice-cream with Mars bar sauce) baths may be taken in the Duck or Clown bathrooms. The more adventurous can don their slippers, grab their torches and pop into the 30ft garden to say goodnight to the fairies: tiny figures created by Miss Deakin.

The nursery is intended for one-night stays, although in extremis children can stay for longer. The nursery school, which Miss Deakin describes as "traditional, with a Montessori influence", runs from 9am to 3.30pm, but children may arrive from 8.15am and stay until 7pm for the benefit of working parents.

Miss Deakin cannot, it seems, claim her "hotel" as a first. Andrew Johnstone, now a 51-year-old accountant living in mid Glamorgan, remembers staying in a large Victorian house in Cheltenham for a week when he was nine with his five-year-old sister, while his parents disappeared to play bridge. The house was run by a married couple, who entertained roughly 12 children at a time. "From the number of other children there, it suggests that it was not that unusual," Mr Johnstone says. "I didn't enjoy it much. I wasn't badly treated, but I do remember that they didn't cook the boiled eggs enough." Not a mistake, surely, that Miss Deakin will make.

RACHEL KELLY

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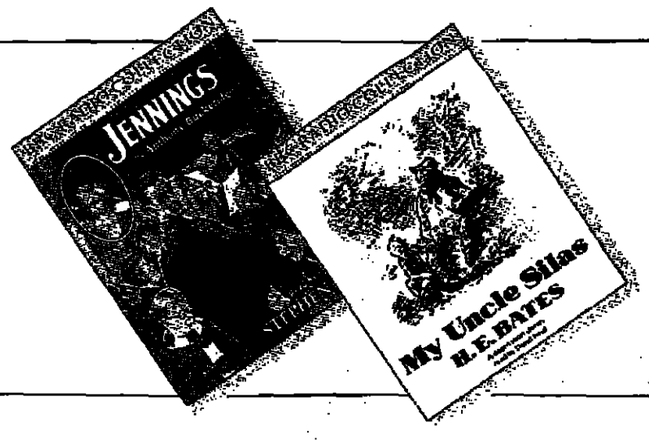

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Edinburgh Festival: Art from Scotland, Old Masters and several shows from Japan, reviewed by **John Russell Taylor**

Sparkling performance by home team

Yet again, this year, it seems to be Scotland's chance to shine in art at the Edinburgh Festival. If there is any grand design from year to year, that could be part of it. One year the festival's duty to bring the best of the rest of the world to Scotland seems to be paramount. The next, the festival's other duty, of presenting the best of Scotland to international visitors, apparently takes precedence. Whether by design or not, most of the large art exhibitions in this year's festival are directly concerned with art in Scotland.

Two of the most ambitious, **Virtue and Vision** at the Royal Scottish Academy and **The Art of Jewellery in Scotland** at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, carry things a stage further: from a passive chronicling of certain strands of art in Scotland, they move, at least by implication, into the field of polemics, by proposing continuities and seeking to pinpoint separateness. This is apt, no doubt, in a week that has also seen the announcement of plans (as yet pretty nebulous, pending feasibility studies) for a National Gallery of Scottish Art which will of necessity be based on just such an assumption of independent development. It is a question at least ripe for debate. "Virtue and Vision", which is a comprehensive survey of sculpture in Scotland from 1540 to 1990, certainly provides a large amount of material for discussion. And does something recognisable as a distinct national tradition emerge? Lacking as yet whatever arguments may be presented in the show's inexplicably delayed catalogue, one can judge only by the evidence on the ground. On that level, the answer seems to be no. There is much that is competent, some which is rather depressing *en masse*, and just a few works which really give some sort of a lift to the senses. But in sculpture, unlike painting, one would be hard put to isolate any strain which looks distinctively Scottish.

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Otherwise, work by work, the show is full of fascinating and unfamiliar material. Though the arrangement is roughly chronological, this is broken away from to make some dramatic juxtapositions: for instance, of the rough-hewn *Amisfield Door* of circa 1600 with Ian Hamilton Finlay's sleek stone carving (in collaboration with Annet Stirling) *Neo Classicism Builds Elegaic as well as Triumphal Arches*, completed last year. More subtly, Alexander Mylne's hobbledehoy *Justice* of 1637 is close to William Brodie's chaste neo-classical *Education* of 1874.

The 17th century throws up numerous lively works by Anon. The 18th and early 19th centuries decline into fairly deadly rows of marble busts, relieved here and there by the work of Samuel Joseph, who must have consciously cultivated his special way with dramatically wild hair in busts of such as George IV, Lord Brougham and David Wilkie.

With the first stirrings of modernism, things look up. J.D. Fergusson's female heads, *Eastre: Hymn To the Sun* (in brass) and *Tenèbres* (in stone), are as lively as his painting. Mackintosh's plaster reliefs for the Willow Tea Room are unmistakable. And some of the later pieces are very odd indeed: Charles D'Orville Pilkington Jackson's demented Deco *Maquette for a Battle of Britain Memorial* (circa 1949) does arouse regretful speculation as to what might have come forth if the second world war had spawned as many monuments as the first.

Then of course there are the contemporaries, ranging from Paolozzi at his most magisterial to David Mach at play with bottles of coloured liquids. **Ian Hamilton Finlay** crops up again, as he does in a retrospective of his printed and neon work at the Fruitmarket and in a curious show called "The Poor Fisherman – Homage to Puvis de Chavannes" at the Talbot Rice Gallery. At least he has style, his manufacturing processes are immaculate, and he does give ample credit to his many technical collaborators. I wonder if he sees *Heroic Bust: Henry Moore* (1990), a Disneyland neo-classical piece in plaster of Paris by Alexander Stoddart (born 1959), as more elegaic or triumphal? Surely Henry Moore must be turning in his grave.

Unquestionably fine: El Greco's *Allegory (Fabula)*, from the "Saved for Scotland" exhibition at the National Gallery of Scotland

The "Art of Jewellery" show seems to be on firmer ground in proposing a native Scottish tradition, though here it neatly cuts the ground from under its own feet by pointing out that the revival Highland jewellery so fashionable in the 19th century was mainly a romantic fantasy born south of the border – though, as with the Gothic Revival, what began in fantasy took on authenticity as the century progressed. Otherwise, the show is a good excuse for recycling some familiar works from the National Portrait Gallery's own collection (as well as some quite unfamiliar from private sources) and for making us look at them in a different perspective: never mind the face, look at the brooch. This is all very instructive and diverting, and it is a good idea, whenever possible, to bring together the painted depiction of jewellery with the real thing.

Saved For Scotland, the bigger show at the Scottish National Gallery, concerns Scottish art to an extent, but is much more about art in Scotland. It is a collection of works bought for Scottish galleries by or with the assistance of the National Art Collections Fund. Sometimes purely local interest appears to be paramount, but not often. After all, no chauvinistic reasoning is required to justify the purchase of a prime Ramsay portrait or important *genre* paintings by John Phillip and Thomas Faed for any Scottish gallery, any more than it works against buying, say, a major Rossetti or John Martin.

In a wider context, nobody is going to argue about the value of an El Greco such as his *Allegory* (of a boy blowing on a lighted coal) or a Velázquez such as the *Old Woman Cooking Eggs* to any leading gallery in the world. Apparently, a neo-primitive painted wooden figure by Baselitz has raised the old bogey of "a waste of public money", but public money has not been involved here.

Scotland even crops up in the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art's festival offering: though **Michael Andrews** is not, as far as I know, Scottish. A passionate interest in stalking brings him to Scotland, and to paint there, quite frequently. The Ayers Rock paintings look as inflated here as they did recently at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, but more Scottish landscapes have been added. These suggest that, when not too be-wiled by the scenic wonders of Australia, Andrews still has a trick or two up his sleeve.

BRIEFING

Brook back?

AT LAST there is a good chance that the innovative British director Peter Brook, an absentee from London for more than ten years, will work again in the capital. Richard Eyre, director of the National Theatre, plans to bring Brook and his company here from Paris in 1993 for what he cautiously and enigmatically describes as "a large project about the nature of theatre itself". Glasgow has been the only British city to see Brook's acclaimed productions of *The Mahabharata* and *The Tempest*.

De Niro next

FOLLOWING Kevin Costner's triumphant ascent into the film director's chair, Robert De Niro is to turn director for *A Bronx Tale*, based on Chazz Palminteri's autobiographical play about a youngster who grows to worship the man he witnessed mowing down a rival in a gang murder. De Niro is scheduled to play the boy's father; the author himself may play the gangster.

Last chance...

SIAN Phillips, as a bottled-blonde amalgam of the Empress Agrippina and Jarry's grotesque Mère Ubu, remains the best reason to see John Lahr's strenuous updating of Richard Condon's *Manchurian Candidate*. Yet even she struggles to bring plausibility to a plot in which the American president is to be shot by her brainwashed son and replaced by her dopey husband. The last chance to see her magnificent cavortings is tomorrow at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith (081-741 2311).

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Japanese treasures come into focus in a celebrating city

If it is not Scotland it is Japan. Though the nationwide Japan Festival, celebrating the centenary of the Japan Society, has been happening for some months, its events have been too diffused in time and place to make much impact. Edinburgh brings it into focus with several exhibitions.

Why Japan in Edinburgh, specifically? No particular reason, though the Fine Art Society's show **Opening the Window** suggests one. Among the first Western artists to visit Japan, between 1880 and 1900, were two Scots, George Henry and E.A. Hornel (Glaswegians, it is true), and their vivid patchworks of colour probably did more to strike the British fancy than the more sober images of Sir Alfred East, who went out on commission for the Fine Art Society, and of Mortimer Menpes, who seems to have pioneered the use of a camera to supplement his sketchbook.

This was how the West saw Meiji Japan, but the view was partial and exoticising. The Japanese were used to taking their Japaneseness for granted through centuries of self-imposed isolation. During that time Japanese art had grown away from its Chinese origins and developed it own distinctive styles and forms. Never more clearly so than in the folding painted screen, which is the main subject of **Behind Golden Screens**, a spectacular show of treasures from the Tokyo Fuji Art Museum at the Royal Museum of Scotland.

Not the least absorbing part is the detailed explanation of how the screens were made, with a careful build-up of several layers of paper on the basic frame. They are stronger than they look, but even so their state of preservation is amazing: the elegantly episodic, asymmetrical compositions still wander across the panels with strange inevitability, the colours are as fresh as the day they were painted. There are also splendid examples of armour (richly varied in material), of woodblock prints, lacquer and scroll paintings. A treasure house indeed.

***Plum garden at Kameido* by Utogawa Hiroshige, from "Behind Golden Screens"**

Visitors to recent shows of modern Japanese design have sometimes been appalled to find how far the exquisite taste and reticence they associate with Japan have been rejected by artists of today. This is not necessarily a bad thing, however. In **Zen: Hamano and Ryu** at the Talbot Rice Gallery, we can admire the continuation of severity and less-is-more in recent Japanese art through the abstractions of Toshihiro Hamano and his pupils – the so-called Ryu Group. Their continued cultivation of Zen-inspired minimalism is admirable, though might be found too austere for some tastes.

After this plunge into an icy stream, **Restless Shadows** at the Edinburgh College of Art comes as a relief. These 27 large-scale fibreworks have been specially made by Japanese artists at the behest of Goldsmiths College, London, for an extensive British tour. The materials – fibre, fabric and paper – assume a vague air of Japanese tradition, but the shapes and colours show contemporary Japanese throwing off Zen constraint without falling into kitsch.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: EDINBURGH GALLERIES

Virtue and Vision. Royal Scottish Academy, The Mound (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm (during festival to 6pm) until September 15. Admission £1, concessions 50p.

Opening the Window. Fine Art Society, 137 George Street (031-220 6370) Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-5pm, until September 7.

The Art of Jewellery in Scotland. Scottish Gallery Portrait Gallery, 1 Queen Street (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm (during festival to 8pm), until November 3. Admission £2, concessions £1.

Ian Hamilton Finlay and the Wild Hawthorn Press. Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market Street (031-225 2383). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm (during festival to 8pm), Sun 11am-5pm, until September 14. Admission £2, concessions £1.

The Poor Fisherman. Talbot Rice Gallery, University of Edinburgh Old College, South Bridge (031-650 1000). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until September 7.

Behind Golden Screens. Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street (031-225 7534) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until October 20. Admission £2, concessions £1.

Zen: Hamano and Ryu. Talbot Rice Gallery, University of Edinburgh Old College, South Bridge (031-650 1000). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until September 7.

Restless Shadows. Edinburgh College of Art, Lauriston Place (031-229 9311) Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat and Sun 10am-2pm, until September 1.

Michael Andrews. Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm (during festival to 6pm) until September 29. Admission £2, concessions £1.

Saved for Scotland. National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm; during festival Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-6pm. Until September 29.

RECORDS: JAZZ AND ROCK

Look how good this man sounds

Courtney Pine: Within the Realms of Our Dreams (Antilles ANCD-8756)
Various Artists: Drum – South African Jazz & Jive (Line Records MSCD-9-01092)

Whenever the name of Courtney Pine is mentioned in jazz circles, the response tends to be the same: a deep sigh and a cynical shrug of the shoulders. For all his popularity amongst the public – by now every dynamic young advertising executive must own at least one of his albums – he has yet to win over most musicians.

Envy plays a part in this, naturally: jazz artists who manage to sell large numbers of records automatically become ideologically unsound. But in Pine's case there is also the suspicion that his initial success had as much to do with his image as the quality of his music.

The jury is still out, and **Within the Realms of Our Dreams** will not make its task any easier. While on the one hand, Pine shows more and more command of the post-"Giant Steps" vocabulary on both tenor and soprano saxophone, it is still difficult to detect that essential element, an individual voice. By again using an American rhythm section (pianist Kenny Kirkland, bassist Charnett Moffett and drummer Jeff Watts), he proves he can compete with the best of the technocrats. Yet along the way he has sacrificed the British – or more precisely, black British – dimension that illuminated his early work with the Jazz Warriors.

The album is more narrowly focused than its predecessor *The Vision's Tale*. There, Pine paid homage to a relatively broad range of influences. On this occasion, in spite of the cover versions of "Donna Lee" and Ornette Coleman's "Una Muy Bonita", the overall mood is far less varied.

Courtney Pine: élitist?

Coltrane's shadow is everywhere. Nobody could listen to the soprano arrangement of the kindergarten melody of "Time to Go Home" and not think of the famous onslaught on "My Favourite Things". Much is made of the African components of this brand of improvisation. The irony is that the performers are operating at a level of sophistication that excludes the majority of their audience, black or white. The result tends to be every bit as élitist and "European" as the stuffiest of contemporary classical music.

Will the style prove as durable as the township swing on **Drum: South African Jazz and Jive?** I doubt it. A fascinating compilation from the period 1954-60, the set brings together many of the pioneers of South African jazz, from Hugh Masekela to the alto player Kippie Moeketsi. The mixture of American jazz and African vocal and instrumental traditions is never less than exhilarating. No grand artistic manifestos here: joy and passion are enough.

CLIVE DAVIS

On the road

Terry Reid: The Driver (WEA 9031-74905-2)

Terry Reid has been loitering on the sidelines for so long that most people have forgotten who he is, if indeed they even knew in the first place. A singer and guitarist from Huntingdonshire, of unusual ability, Reid was signed to producer/ manager Mickie Most's roster of hit-making acts in the Sixties. He opened for groups such as The Rolling Stones and Cream, nearly joined the nascent Led Zeppelin, and was widely regarded by those in the know as a man destined to take his place in the pantheon of the great and successful.

How irritating of the record-buying public to disagree. After a run of absolute chart failures (the run is unbroken to this day), he decamped to America where, working as a West Coast session player, he has turned up on albums by such performers as Don Henley, Linda Ronstadt and Graham Nash.

Surely this is one unexploded firework that may be approached without caution? Well maybe, but on the evidence of **The Driver**, something is still smouldering. For one thing, Reid still has a fine, agile voice with a big range and a pleasingly ragged edge and, tempting though it must be, he has not immersed himself in the warm, bland waters of Californian "adult orientated rock".

Instead his talents are deployed here on a range of intelligent-sounding songs pitched with variable results at a point somewhere between the markets for Bon Jovi and Neil Young. He is at his best when reaching for the extremes: the chunky riff and roar of "If You Let Her" on the one hand, and the breezy, Latin-tinged acoustic arrangement of "Hand of Dimes" on the other.

In between there are unremarkable versions of The Waterboys' "The Whole of the Moon" and The Spencer Davis Group's "Gimme Some Lovin' ", together with some fairly indeterminate material, performed in a way that inexorably drags attention back to his Sixties' roots.

Ultimately it seems that, no matter what technology is available, or what the current vogue, Reid is a musical animal who will never change his spots.

DAVID SINCLAIR

ROCK NEWS

● **David Bowie's Tin Machine** has announced details of an autumn tour: Wolverhampton Civic Hall (0902 312030) November 2; International 2, Manchester (061-273 8834) November 3; Mayfair, Newcastle (091-232 3109) November 5; Royal Court, Liverpool (051-709 4321) November 6; Barrowlands, Glasgow (041-226 4679) November 7; Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851) November 9; Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022) November 11. A new single, "You Belong in Rock 'n' Roll", is to be released on Monday.

● Fresh from their triumph at Crystal Palace last Sunday, **Level 42** embark on a comprehensive, month-long British tour starting at Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851) October 1, and ending at Brighton Centre (0273 202881) October 30. A new album, to be entitled *Guaranteed*, is released on September 2.

● **Midge Ure** will be touring with his new band, featuring ex-Big Country drummer Mark Brzezicki, at: Birmingham Symphony Hall (021-212 3333) November 10; Albert Hall, London SW7 (071-589 8212) November 11; Apollo, Manchester (061-273 3775) November 12; Edinburgh Playhouse (031-557 2590) November 13.

● "American Pie" singer **Don McLean** may not have his projected musical at Chichester this year, but starts a British tour at the Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591) on October 11. Dates include Festival Hall, London SE1 (071-928 3191) October 20, and the final concert is at the Regent, Ipswich (0473 281480) on October 25.

● **The Moody Blues** embark on a world tour after playing a few dates earlier this year. The British leg includes Newcastle City Hall (091-261 2606) November 5; Apollo, Manchester (061-273 3775) November 6; Edinburgh Playhouse (031-557 2590) November 7; Oasis, Swindon (0793 533404) November 9; Plymouth Pavilion (0752 229922) November 10; BIC, Bournemouth (0202 297297) November 11; Wembley Arena, London (081-900 1234) November 12; and ends at NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133) on November 13.

What can the freed John McCarthy expect, and what does his terrible experience mean?

The cruel effects of isolation only confirm our need for company, writes **Janet Daley**

Pain that love cannot heal

There is no better way to dismantle a personality than to isolate it. Only by maintaining a dialogue with oneself is it possible to come through anything like intact. But having spent years speaking to oneself, how does one relearn the faculty of talking to others? How does one cope with talking to people to whom one's experience is as remote as a sojourn on another planet? The strain on families while a hostage is held may be only the first act of the drama.

After the euphoria of release comes readjustment. As Brian Keenan reports on this page, life and relationships cannot simply be resumed where they left off. The man who returns is not the one who went away. Nor does his world remain the same. John McCarthy will by now have learned of his mother's death during his captivity, which can only confirm his sense of exile.

The brain-washing technique perfected by the Koreans for use on prisoners of war concentrated on the insulation of individuals from all human contact. Reduced to a desperate need for any sort of social affirmation, subjects were then primed for psychological reconstruction. The only emotional warmth available was conditional on doing and thinking what their captors wished them to do and think.

Terry Anderson has never seen his daughter Sulome

The success of this process is a testament not to the weakness of human character, but to its irrevocably social nature. The damage done by isolation is, paradoxically, the best evidence of humanity's most redeeming feature. That we need others to reinforce our own sense of reality is not a moral defect. It is the essence of what it means to be a person. Not to require the confirming perspective of others is a sign not of strength but of egomania (indeed, it is a rough and ready definition of psychopathy).

To add to the horror of the hostage's experience, he may believe that in his own dark night of the soul, he has discovered the truth about himself. The idea that his desolation and malleability are more real than the self he thought he knew could be a delusion from which he never recovers. What he has discovered is that without others there can be no coherent sense of self. And that is not cause for despair.

Because it is unnatural for human beings to be disconnected from their fellows, they develop strategies for survival when they are. To maintain a hold on their own identities, they form attachments with whatever living beings are available.

Thus, the Korean PoWs became emotionally dependent on their enemies. Kidnap victims such as Patty Hearst become fixated on their deranged captors. (Happily, this dynamic works both ways. Siege victims often develop relationships with those holding them which make it less likely that they will be hurt.)

But it is this need which leads to the terrible alienation of the released hostage: what Brian Keenan calls "another and more demanding kind of bondage". For the terrorists who seize private individuals are not engaged in systematic mind-bending. They are not hoping to replace the furniture of their victims' minds with new sets of values; they are not even interested in exploiting the vulnerability of their charges by encouraging dependence. Their use of isolation and sensory deprivation is purely pragmatic. The hostage is a commodity to be bartered, his personal devastation a by-product of the need to hold him in as functional a way as possible.

John McCarthy and Brian Keenan were fortunate to have spent so much of their captivity together. Their conversations, even when they were unable to see or touch one another, may have saved their sanity. In the absence of others as objects of attachment, the resourceful mind invents its own interlocutors.

Even in the more common case of wartime captivity, prisoners often return as strangers. But they have at least usually had the camaraderie of fellow prisoners (or, even in solitary confinement, the knowledge of their country's support and shared goals). For the hostage, there is only endless pointlessness.

Should Terry Anderson be returned, he will be reunited with his six-year-old daughter, Sulome, whom he has never seen. Of course, such things have happened ever since men first took up arms. Fathers, who have often been idealised in their absence, have been returning to wives and families since Ulysses and Penelope. But there is no common cause for which men like Terry Anderson can feel that their suffering was endured.

Their plight comes back to the importance of communal experience. In war, deprivations and suffering are normalised by the commitment of a whole people. It is precisely the uniqueness of these men's experience that makes it so irredeemably private and disorientating.

It is a truism to say that adversity can bring out unknown qualities in people. Those who campaigned for John McCarthy's release with such tireless loyalty may well have discovered sides of themselves which have enriched their lives. It is only with his release that they will have to confront the evil that he has seen and cannot forget.

A month after his release last August, The Times asked **Brian Keenan** (left) to put his experience of captivity and freedom into words. The attentions of the media, he writes, on top of the pressures of daily life can make the weeks after release some of the most painful of the whole ordeal

The hardship still to come

On a wall in Belfast long before I left it, some wit had spray-canned the poignant words "Is there life before death in this place". Many times I thought of the humour of that phrase as I lay profoundly examining those same sentiments, though far removed in physical and geographical terms, yet intimately and deeply involved with the unspecific meaning of these concepts.

In my statement to the press at Dublin Castle shortly after my release, I described a hostage as a "mutant creation" and now, one month later, I still feel a sense of alienation; my self becomes a mere observer. But this sense of separateness comes not as a sense of rejection but rather as an inner compulsion, a self-will turning away. A man seeks to take hold inwardly, to direct or redirect himself. This driving compulsion seems to have no articulate outlet in the world to which I have returned.

Sometimes it seems that the adulation, affection and warmth in which I am cocooned by friends and family is a kind of hothouse of obligations, both personal and public. I was unprepared for this, and find it immensely difficult to cope. This psychological, emotional and social temperature change – from freezing to boiling point – knocks the personality out of balance and make difficult any meaningful response to the world.

Add to this the pressure from the press and the public for answers, interviews, commentary on events in the public eye and the conditions of freedom make it not liberty but another and more demanding kind of bondage. The constant thought that I owe so many so much combines with worry, unreasoned guilt and remorse for those left behind to gnaw at the heart and imprison me. I cannot think of self-fulfilment.

Another concern unexpected but strongly insistent is the effect of my release on my family. My sisters Elaine and Brenda are very dear to me. For them, the process of withdrawal and readjustment is painful and confusing, and in many respects it mirrors my own. After four and a half years of relentless campaigning, travelling across continents and addressing foreign dignitaries and officials as well as the public and the press, they now find that their work for me, which occupied their every waking hour for so long, has abruptly come to an end. Much change has occurred in them, as in me. But in their selfless enthusiasm, the change has occurred covertly, subliminally.

In the family circle, we have played a complicated and careful get-to-know-me game, filled with fear, confusion and tender love. But we fumble in our separate darknesses, inevitably clashing, hurting and being hurt, without understanding how or why. The desire to protect them collides with their understandable passion to possess their brother. We have not yet achieved that meeting of heart and mind which will allow us to love and let go.

Side-by-side with this intimate confusion is a more public one. We are hounded on every side by the press and media. I am trying to cope with the paradox of being a public figure while desperately wanting to be a man unseen, and at the same time trying to cope with a deeply felt moral and *emotional responsibility about the* remaining hostages.

I constantly bombard myself with questions. When should I talk? To whom? How much can I say? What will help? And most important of all, who can I trust? Finding a new meaningful and creative bond of trust with the world is perhaps the most intensely experienced problem.

We all fervently hope those men will soon be with us. The kind of prolonged depravity to which we were subjected blurs the distinc*tion of personality. Isolation such* as this is a great leveller. All our anguishes are shared. How we cope with them after release marks the different beings we are and perhaps have chosen to become. Obviously, each man will have to deal with his own public and private pressures. The many questions being asked about Terry Waite, combined with the lack of initiatives taken by the British government or, more oddly, by Lambeth Palace will inevitably subject this man to the most *severe scrutiny and public enquiry* when he is finally released.

What is the issue here? Is it not solely the compassionate rehabilitation of a man. As responsible human beings who cannot know the degree of anguish and pain nor the massive traumatisation he has suffered, are we not compelled to leave this man and any other released hostages to find their own means of self-healing?

Some time ago, I spoke to the human rights subcommittee of the European Parliament. I asked this *question of those to whom I* spoke. How can we speak of human rights unless as a society we practise them? Is the hounding down of men unable to cope with being social animals again not a kind of brutalisation, and one more insidious because it is masked in a shabby guise of morality and the search for truth? Whatever questions have to be asked and whatever the need to know, such matters must be left until former hostages have come to know themselves fully and to feel themselves reorientated in the world.

In a letter to the press, Jill Morrell outlined some of the problems. A released hostage may have to learn to walk again after being chained to a radiator. He may have problems with his eyesight after years deprived of natural light, or strain the vocal cords when trying to speak normally after years of whispering. All these physical hardships and more I can confirm: small things which add up to a frustrating list of inadequacies. Shoes are difficult to wear for long periods, handling money is strange and complicated.

Spelling simple words is sometimes impossible. When someone asks me to write something, such as an autograph, I occasionally experience a mental block over something simple like writing a name. Then I am launched into a quiet complex of anger and embarrassment, which further complicates this simple request. Most particularly, I find I lack sufficient ability to concentrate on group conversations for more than 20 minutes. If two or three people are talking to me simultaneously, I begin to lose the ability to track their conversation after that short time. Then a similar sense of frustration and confusion begins to take hold. On the physical side, a suddenly enriched diet causes severe problems in the first months. The digestive system is unused to such variety, and it is essential to have easy and frequent access to toilet facilities.

I could continue to add to this list, but that is not my purpose here. I sympathise with Jill Morrell's protests about the callousness and trivialisation of some press comments. But she has my sympathy in another and deeper fashion. Her constant and determined efforts to bring the plight of the British hostages to the attention of the public and the government has made her something of a public figure, much like my sisters.

This is why I am fearful that a well-intentioned but nevertheless insensitive press and media circus will be in hot pursuit of her on the release of John McCarthy. Such a campaign by the press adds another set of problems and frustrations, which should be no part of a man's return to life.

As the last man to have spoken to John before his release, and someone who knows him extremely well, I can tell the media that John will not want a circus at his heels. In the name of decency and in compassion for John McCarthy, his friends and especially his family, who have suffered enough personal tragedy, I must impress upon the public and the press the need to measure their activities and act with restraint and humanity.

The strange paradox of the situation is that on being released, we who have spent so much time on our own still desperately need to be left alone. We need to lick and heal the wounds, gradually and unmolested. It is a time for all of us and each of us to have that kind of silence and quiet in which *a man can best find himself, and* find himself a valuable and meaningful role in the world.

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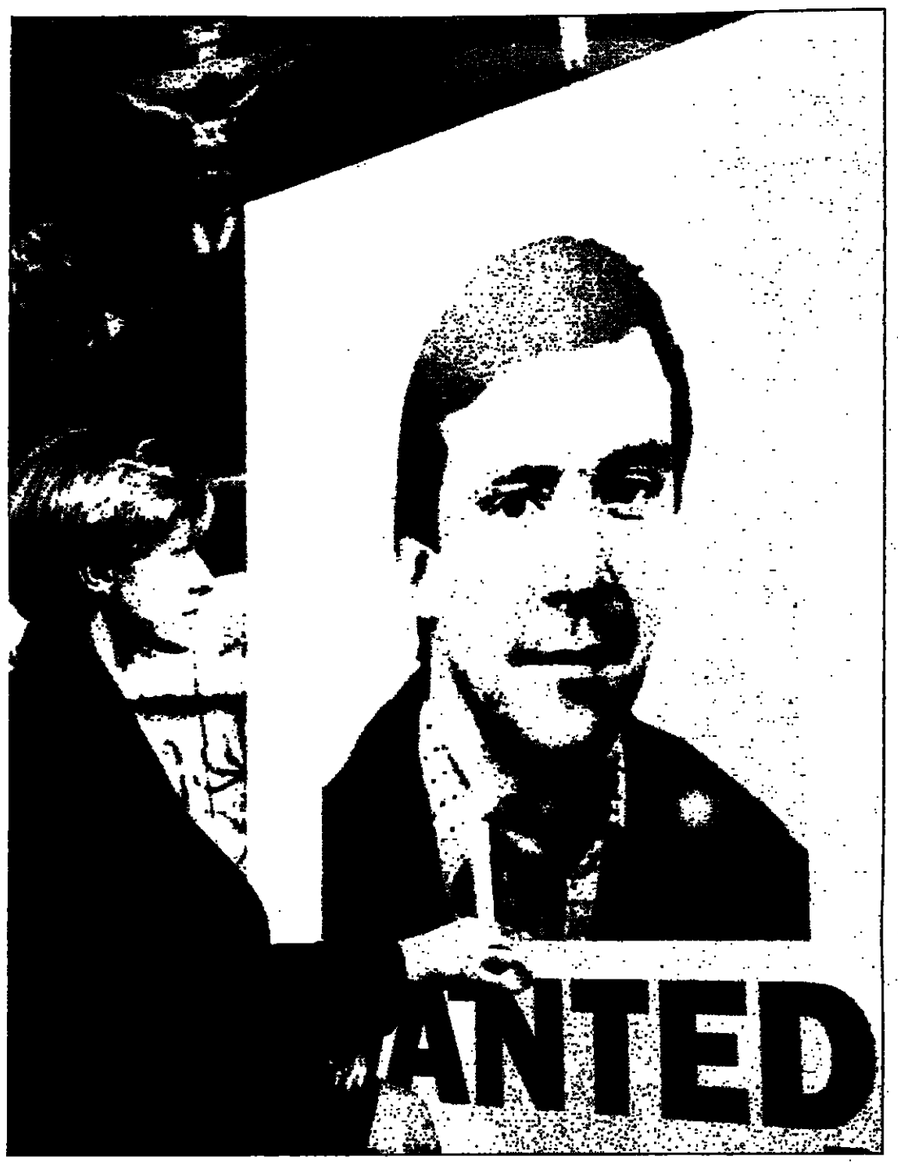

Vigil over: Jill Morrell will find a vacuum now the campaign for John McCarthy has succeeded

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ALAN COREN

Choristers among you will recall not only that the sexual life of the camel is stranger than anyone thinks, but also that the second verse of the great aria addresses the enthusiastic involvement of the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale anent the options in coping with similar quirks in hedgehogs.

Keep these recollections by you in the little disquisition which follows: like good old Watson, they are the one fixed point in a changing age. Failing that, if, while trawling the old bazaar in Cairo, you managed to pick up a miniature brass sphinx, put it on your knee as you read; the inscrutability of its tiny smile may well prove a comfort.

And now to Mrs Arlette Schweitzer of Aberdeen, South Dakota. You will, by the by, read the last eight words of that sentence again come November, if you are a follower of Midwestern personal columns, since that is when Mrs Schweitzer is due to give birth to twins; nothing so odd in that, except that the sentence will continue "... two bouncing (grand)children." This is because the occupants of her womb are in fact her daughter's eggs, placed there following ex-uterine fertilisation, because the daughter herself has no womb. Mrs Schweitzer stands poised to become a grummy.

Now, I am not much interested in all that. While it may come as some relief to camels and hedgehogs to learn that their sexual lives are not half as strange as is often sung, I personally have long ceased to be exercised by breakthroughs in genetic technology. There is a lot of it about, and just because some cytological whizzkid has succeeded in building himself an uncle out of old frog parts, or one of his obstetric sidekicks has managed to so extend gestation that an offspring may remain snug and warm until it is time to go to Eton, I see no good reason to run through the streets shouting up at windows.

I am much more interested in Dr Arthur Caplan, upon whom Mrs Schweitzer's limelight has thrown a bright tangential gleam. For the Schweitzer business has not unnaturally – shall I rephrase that? – put the cat among the pigeons (even while some bright eugenic spark is doubtless doing exactly that, in the hope of building a tabby which flies into the grocer's with a message round its leg and comes home again with its own pilchards), and frantic Americans are running hither and yon in search of the answer to the question, "Is what is happening *right*?" They are a moral people, obsessed with pesonal libertiy, religious tolerance, civic duty, constitutional rights – i.e. with what it could cost if a smart lawyer really got his teeth into something – and the Schweitzer affair has been torturing them to an extent not witnessed since the Scopes trial.

But it is all right now. I quote from Tuesday's newspaper.

"Dr Arthur Caplan, an ethicist at the University of Minnesota, said: 'I think it is a very kind, generous act, and therefore ethically admirable.'"

Yes, you may well ask. I did, and nobody knew what an ethicist was. However, as I am, fortuitously, an alumnus of the University of Minnesota, I then rang a friend of my salad days who has elected to allow his own leaves to grow sere and yellow in the comfort of the old campus, and he not only knew Dr Caplan, he knew exactly what he does. "Arthur is an authority on ethical cruces. He is often called upon as an expert when moral dilemmas require resolution. Don't you have ethicists?"

After I had rung off, I looked at the newspaper again. "I think it is a very kind, generous act, and therefore ethically admirable." Pretty succinct. Pretty straightforward. Mrs Schweitzer is a nice woman, so it's OK. Not exactly axiological, is it? You wouldn't need to read a lot of tricky books, just have them on the shelves looking well-thumbed when the clients came round. Set of rooms in All Souls, devoted scout, roaring fire, college claret, parking space, and every so often the phone rings: "Dr Coren, I enclose a photo of this married woman who wants to take me to Monte Carlo. Should I go?" "Well, she looks a bit tasty, why not, that'll be fifty quid."

"Dr Coren, Hurd speaking, look, this Saddam Hussein, should we go in and fix his wagon?" "Well, he's always struck me as a bit of a bastard, so yes. Would you make it out to cash?"

I could do that. I can't see anything wrong in it.

Inside broadcast

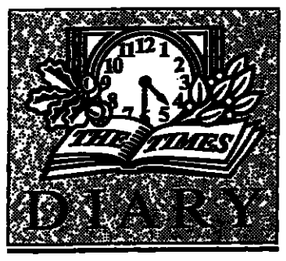
IT WAS the biggest day in the life of John McCarthy, but it was also the most important story that his employer WorldWide Television News has covered. The news agency has been paying McCarthy's wages ever since he was taken prisoner. The total is about £150,000.

Outside the company's north London headquarters, where McCarthy still has a desk, there was little hint of the excitement and jubilation. Inside the champagne corks were popping. Audrey Purdie, the duty news editor, and a close friend of McCarthy's, had had her bubbly ready since the first reports of a possible release emerged from Damascus. "We are absolutely thrilled and delighted," she said, beaming at reporters in her unaccustomed role on the other side of the camera.

Maria Ronson, WorldWide's Eurovision editor, was equally radiant. "Audrey and I kissed each other when we heard the news," she said. A typically journalistic reception, awash with alcohol, is planned for John's return. "The celebrations will be non-stop," says Purdie. "There will be tears and kisses. He'll be swimming home."

James Thomas, manager of WorldWide's news operations, recalled the day McCarthy was assigned to Beirut. "I was jealous," he said. Since then, Thomas has married, become the father of two children and spent three years in Hong Kong.

McCarthy has even had the pay increases that his colleagues have received. So will his employers be expecting him for work soon? "That is for John to decide," says the company vice-president Fred Mosson. "John's future is his own. I don't care what he does as long as he is free to do it."



● *Spare a thought for the advertising agency Bartle Bogle & Hegarty. It has just put the finishing touches to its "John McCarthy still counts" posters. Now it will have to take them down just a few days after they went up. Seventy-five new ones saying "Welcome home, John" were posted in London last night.*

Instant analysis

A PUBLISHING race is already under way for rights to a book that McCarthy's family hopes he will write about his ordeal in Beirut. With advance fees and newspaper serialisation rights, a book by McCarthy might command between £100,000 and £150,000.

McCarthy's father, Pat, has approached Peters, Fraser & Dunlop Group, agents to a number of politicians, with a view to handling the expected auction. A spokeswoman said: "We have been approached by his father, though we don't want to talk about money at this stage. But we are naturally very excited."

If McCarthy, like fellow hostage Brian Keenan, decided to delay before putting pen to paper, the rewards would be less lucrative. Helen Gummer, of Sidgwick & Jackson, says: "John McCarthy is one of the most famous hostages of them all. We are very interested, but he should write it soon."

Andrew Franklin, publishing director of Hamish Hamilton, said that the book should start on the day McCarthy was released. "It should then revert back to the day he was captured and take us through it. It should not only be a diary of what he did and thought, but should also tell us whether he was aware of the massive campaign fought on his behalf back home. It is most exciting."

Old fashioned

SO WHAT will happen to the piles of McCarthy T-shirts, mugs, pencils and other publicity material now redundant? Most of the items in the McCarthy supporters' officecan be recycled. Their campaign slogan reads: "Don't forget the British hostages in Beirut," with a line underneath, "The Friends of John McCarthy."

The Friends are planning to adapt the material to the campaign to free the remaining hostages. "It would be a tremendous waste to throw them all away," said one helper. One item will prove very versatile. "We have got stacks of yellow ribbon. We can always tie it in our hair."

All at sea

EDWARD LEAR, most famous as the author of *The Owl and the Pussycat*, made his living as a painter. To do so, it now transpires, he quite literally moved mountains. His most famous watercolours were of landscapes, often in Greece and Italy, which Lear claimed were scrupulously precise: "topographically accurate" was always his phrase in his letters and notebooks. But Vivien Noakes's book *The Painter Edward Lear* reveals just how inaccurate many of his pictures were. "He often moved geographical features for the sake of composition when he got down to work on an oil," she says. She has travelled around many of the sites Lear painted, taking photographs of the scenery and comparing them with Lear's finished work. His drawings were more accurate.

Art for export

IN A typically flamboyant gesture, Gianni de Michelis, the Italian foreign affairs minister, has arranged for an art exhibition to be flown to Italy in its entirety when the Edinburgh festival is over. Within minutes of arriving at the Richard Demarco Gallery, the minister fell in love with the exhibition and phoned home to arrange the deal.

The exhibition features oil paintings and sculptures by 76 artists from Scotland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, England and Austria – as well as Italy. Demarco, who this year celebrates 25 years in Edinburgh, says: "Politics and art are so often separated, and the result is disastrous. In de Michelis we finally have a man who is both politician and art lover. He understands and he gives us all hope."

● *Northern Bank, one of the biggest in Northern Ireland, is the only commercial concern in the photograph on the cover of Northern Ireland Electricity's annual report. Pure coincidence? Or does Sir Desmond Lorimer's chairmanship of both account for it?*

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

ONE MAN'S FREEDOM

"Time can start again now." If that is true for Jill Morrell, the friend of John McCarthy who has campaigned so wholeheartedly for his release since his kidnap by Islamic Jihad more than five years ago, how much more so for the captive. Time has a different meaning for those chained to a radiator in a putrid makeshift cell, cut off from the most matter-of-fact punctuations of life such as buying a loaf of bread, and deprived of that most elementary of luxuries, the right to choose one's company.

Strangers outside can measure his long confinement by common markers. To take just one, to have predicted the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe at the time of his capture would have invited ridicule. But for hostages the absence of time has a dimension not shared even by prisoners convicted under law: there is no term to the "sentence". There is not even the certainty of survival. Mr McCarthy knew that in the 18 months before his capture on April 17, 1986 six foreigners, half of them British, were known to have been killed by Beirut's kidnap gangs, three of them only two days before he was abducted. In Lebanon's civil war, thousands of its own people have been abducted and disappeared, many for ever.

One man's freedom from the hell of this illegal and brutal confinement is matter enough to set church bells ringing as they did in London yesterday. Mr McCarthy's assurance that two of the 11 other Westerners still held — Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland — are well and held in "tolerable" conditions is further cause for relief. He has brought the first confirmation that the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, Terry Waite, seized in 1987 on a mercy mission to free hostages, is alive. His compassionate and dignified conduct yesterday in Damascus is a defeat in itself for his captors. But that, he said, he owes not just to personal fortitude but to the bond he has had with those still held. He will not feel free until all are released.

Islamic Jihad has so far kept to the pattern of relinquishing one captive or two, with the intention of reaping the maximum publicity. Each time, it succeeds in its own terms. For such groups even more than for politicians or film-stars, there is no bad publicity. Even if the extensive coverage reflects no credit on them, they may still believe that the prominence given them proves that hostages are valid currency, a source of power. Typical of this cast of mind is President Saddam Hussein's publicly expressed regret for his decision last December to free all the foreigners illegally held in Iraq.

The real "breakthrough" will be confirmation that this mindset is changing. Mr McCarthy has brought with him some tentative indications that this may be so. He was described by his captors not merely as an individual freed on "humanitarian" grounds, as in the past, but as an envoy to the United Nations. On the eve of his release, his talks with Islamic Jihad led him to believe that the group now seeks "the release of all prisoners and hostages being held in Lebanon . . . and Israel".

The Syrian foreign minister, Farouq al-Shara, has described the release of Mr McCarthy as "a test" by Islamic Jihad. It wants to see whether the West will now increase its pressure on Israel to free the kidnapped fundamentalist cleric, Sheikh Obeid, and the Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners held in Israel and southern Lebanon. Syria says that it has sought to prevent such linkage but that these prisoners should be freed on "humanitarian" grounds. Israel, quite legitimately, sets its own "test": that of Red Cross access to information about seven Israelis missing in action, and the release of those still alive.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, has been given an opening to mediate. Tuesday's abduction in Afghanistan of a Swiss Red Cross worker is a reminder that if hostage-taking is to be discredited, he must seek to end this barbarous traffic without bartering lives like goods in a bazaar. He should insist on every ounce of Syrian and Iranian support to hammer home the message that "reward" for hostage-takers is not in question. The families of those still hostage may still be in for a long wait. But they will take fresh courage from John McCarthy's release, and from the spirit he has showed.

CAN'T PAY, WHO'LL PAY?

The poll tax shambles rambles on. The more lame the hated impost, the harder it is to collect. Poll tax debts may now be as high as £1.5 billion. About 80 per cent of the "won't pays" class themselves as "can't pays" — those on income support who are expected to find 20 per cent of the tax from their own incomes. Their benefits have been uprated broadly to allow for their share of the national average poll tax, but many face higher local bills. Whether they can pay or not, many will not. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, wants to let these people off the tax altogether for the next financial year. His cabinet colleagues have disagreed. A final decision is not likely to be taken until the autumn.

One of the worst faults of poll tax was the difficulty of collecting it. Houses, on which rates were levied, do not move around. Humans do. People are reluctant to pay an unfair tax. So, whereas only two people in a hundred did not pay their rates, poll tax last year was evaded by one in ten.

This year will be even worse. Some people insist on believing, ingenuously or disingenuously, that poll tax has been abolished and so they have nothing to pay. Others hear about backlogs in the courts and reckon they have a good chance of avoiding prosecution. For good reason: Birmingham has admitted that it would have to fill its magistrates' courts continuously for ten years to deal with the people who still owe last year's money. The more people refuse to pay, the more others resent having to make up the shortfall. Some councils are charging the conscientious as much as £70 per head this year to compensate for the shortfall, all specifically identified on their poll tax bills. Next year, the amount may be higher still.

Of course, a hard line could be taken against defaulters. Another couple of years could go by while those who have not paid are pursued through the courts. "Won't pay" could be made to pay. Local authorities which fail to collect significant amounts of poll tax could continue to charge more to other poll tax payers. If that means an enormous increase in poll tax bills next April, so be it. If the government continues with its present policy, something like this would be inevitable.

Another view can be taken on this, less principled perhaps, but also a lot more sensible. It is that getting out of the mire is more important than trying to make sure it sticks to the right people. Barring a special issue of thumbscrews, councils will fail next year to collect from those on income support. It is a waste of time for them to try. So, those on income support should be let off the tax altogether, and the councils paid directly by government. Estimates are that this would cost around £400 million. It might be more. But for a government that has already spent several billions of pounds on softening the impact of the poll tax, this should be tolerable. It will be a rough solution, but better than the rigid application of an unworkable law.

This bail-out would of course mean that other taxes are higher than they would otherwise be. It may mean that any residual hopes of tax cuts in a spring Budget evaporate, and the electoral dividends are thus lost to the government. True, all true; but it shows only that Mrs Thatcher's poison pill has still not exhausted its capacity to harm the government. The people will not pay. The government must.

FLOWERS OF THE REALM

A government which took pride in taking on lawyers, teachers, doctors, miners and bankers hardly thought twice about challenging the vested interests of the nation's basket weavers and flower arrangers. No doubt "Let them pay!" was scribbled by a junior minister in the margin of a departmental memo on adult education while sipping afternoon tea. If so he was quite unaware of the banana skin on which his department's heel was about to skid. MPs' postbags have been bulging ever since.

The idea surfaced in the white paper on further education published in the spring. Adult education, the paper said, was a good thing in so far as it was useful, contributed to the economy, raised skills and improved job opportunities. As such it was a worthy object for national or local subsidy. Where an adult education course was largely or wholly for the sake of enjoyment, however — and flower arranging quickly became ministers' standard example — it was useless, and there was no case for subsidy. Those who wanted it should pay the whole cost (and, it seems, pay VAT on top).

But there is nothing useless about flower arranging. Thinking so was the government's political mistake. It has insulted an entire subculture, precious to those who belong to it. Even the National Federation of Women's Institutes has declared war — and there is no laugh to be had at the expense of the WI these days. It is a doughty organisation of a third of a million women, heavily involved in adult education, and concerned for the lot of the rural woman should the white paper stand uncorrected.

The distinction between economically useful education and mere leisure activity is false. The proof is that the government would never dare apply it in schools or colleges. It has thrown its case away completely by including the study of English literature for its own sake in the category of mere leisure, self-improvement of no economic use which should not be subsidised. If that follows logically from the criterion, there is something wrong with the criterion.

Adult education is useful for anybody who failed to make the best of their opportunities first time around. It is particularly useful to women who have had their families and are thinking of returning to work. Exposure to adult education often leads women to want more from their lives. They progress from flower arranging to literature, from literature to basic accountancy, from basic accountancy to looking for a job. Nowhere in that sort of commonplace sequence can a line be drawn, with everything to the left of it deemed leisure, everything to the right, vocational; any more than such a line can be drawn in the progression from infant school to primary, secondary to tertiary.

The state accepts financial responsibility for all kinds of education up to 18 or 21, without distinction between useful or useless. It cannot in logic impose such a distinction within adult education, merely to save a bob or two. A government which thinks it can do so has forgotten that the essence of education is the improvement of the mind. Even flower arranging can do that. Ministers should try it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Home Office curbs on asylum rights

From the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office

Sir, You claimed in your leader of August 2 that the government's proposals for dealing with the problem of the growing number of asylum claimants are against justice and logic. That might be so if the alleged facts on which you based your conclusion were true. But they were not.

The number of refugees coming here is *not* "soaring". What is soaring is the number of people claiming asylum — as anyone can do once he or she sets foot on our soil — of whom only a small proportion are genuine refugees.

We do *not* allow 65 per cent of asylum claimants "exceptional leave to remain for humanitarian reasons". Some are allowed to remain on compassionate grounds, but many are here simply because present procedures are so overwhelmed by numbers that years can elapse before a case is concluded. By that time a person has put down roots and removal would be unreasonable. We are increasing resources and accelerating procedures precisely so that many fewer unfounded claimants will be able to stay by exploiting delays in the system.

Airlines are not charged for undocumented passengers who are later recognised as refugees. We waived £2 million in charges last year for this and other reasons. Sixteen other countries levy carriers' liability charges and the airlines have for many years accepted the principle. No one is asking the airlines to act as immigration officers, merely to check that their passengers have a current passport and visa if necessary, and that the documents show no obvious sign of forgery.

The United Kingdom Immigrants' Advisory Service's reputation for competence *does* stand high. Independent research by Dr Hazel Genn, of Queen Mary College, concluded that UKIAS

is an example of a publicly-funded representative service which, despite the doubts of sceptics about its independence, appears to provide as good a service to its clients as solicitors and barristers in the immigration field. (*Effectiveness of Representation at Tribunals*, University of London, 1989).

The government will continue to pay, through the Legal Aid Board, for legal action to be taken against the decisions of ministers. The government has proposed only to stop paying solicitors to give free advice in immigration cases provided that there is an adequate alternative in place. There must be some question as to why the taxpayer should pay both UKIAS and solicitors to provide advice when UKIAS is clearly as good as the other, and substantially better value.

As for the recent contempt case to which your leader refers (*In re M*, Law Report, August 5), it was accepted by all sides that the events in question flowed from a misunderstanding during a late application to a judge in chambers. In the words of Mr Justice Simon Brown's judgment,

The respondents have on no view here been contumacious. The seeds of this motion lie unmistakably in the singular and surprising chambers misunderstanding at the outset. I would not expect the court's continuing trust to be misplaced.

The present levels of misuse of asylum procedures pose a huge challenge throughout western Europe and it is right that there should be the fullest public debate. But that debate is not served by cavalier disregard of the facts.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LLOYD,
Immigration Minister,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
August 6.

From the Secretary, League of Overseas Pakistanis

Sir, Our organisation was one of the groups which formed the UK Immigrants' Advisory Service and currently is a member of its general council.

The internal disharmony which your leading article mentioned stems from the present composition of the executive committee which, with the exception of staff representatives, is entirely Asian. Often the split on internal management matters is regrettably on sectarian lines — e.g., between the Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Indian interests represented.

When the organisation was founded in 1970 its composition was balanced between immigrant and non-immigrant welfare organisations. A balance on the executive committee can be achieved only, in our view, if non-immigrant organisations will renew their interest in the UKIAS.

Its continued existence is essential for immigrants and asylum-seekers. It is therefore regrettable that the immigration minister, Mr Peter Lloyd, should have delivered (report, August 1) what appears to be a veiled threat to withdraw the UKIAS grant by saying that the executive's vote opposing the withdrawal of payments for legal advice "raised a question mark about the agency's willingness to fulfil its 'constituted' role."

The executive committee was right, in our view, to refuse to accept the role envisaged for the UKIAS by the Home Secretary.

Yours faithfully,
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Pressures on one-parent families

From Mr D. R. Bowes

Sir, It is encouraging and reassuring that Mr Peter Dawson, in blaming one-parent homes for children's difficulties at school (report, August 2), has clearly stated a truth that has for so long been stifled or distorted by parents and teachers who cannot face or wish to flout a moral natural law.

Having had experience as a headteacher for over 40 years there is no doubt in my mind that children who suffered the loss of a parent through death from natural causes had few of the ensuing problems of children whose one-parent situation was due to a separation or divorce or other imposed adult arrangement.

Yours truly,
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From Mrs M. C. Tucker

Sir, From my own experience within the recruitment and selection field, dealing mainly with young people and based on at least 7,000 interviews over the past 18 years, I would say that Bruce Lidington of Families Need Fathers (July 30) is right to insist that a child whose parents live apart is not necessarily a one-parent child. Those I have seen who have been jointly brought up by divorced or separated parents have often emerged into adulthood in better shape than the "average" child of an unbroken home.

Mr Lidington is also correct to say that, despite this, courts are hostile to shared parenthood after divorce; in one case, the registrar stated plainly that he would not have allowed such an arrangement, had he been involved from the outset, and went on to overturn it.

Boys raised by lone fathers generally do well (I am not so sure about girls). If they have problems, it is the grief or anger caused by believing themselves to have been deserted by a loved mother. Those raised by lone mothers feel the same grief or anger if they believe themselves abandoned by their father. In addition, a disproportionate number of them suffer other social and emotional problems.

The left-wing political and feminist argument is that this is because of the mothers' financial difficulties. Poverty undoubtedly exacerbates other problems, but it does not account for them; some of the worst cases I have seen involve socially and emotionally maladjusted children from relatively well-off homes.

Equally, the assumption that children will *only* do well in a traditional two-parent family is mistaken. The truth seems to be that single, independent, hardworking parents, who are neither overpossessive nor domineering, overcome their particular problems in order to provide a good upbringing for their children. This applies regardless of the parent's sex.

Unfortunately, I suspect that the ranks of single mothers contain too few of this type. Even more unfortunately, I am afraid that the interests of the children will always give way to the vested interests of adults.

Yours faithfully,
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Suffolk.
August 2.

From Mrs Josephine Hanson

Sir, A leaflet issued by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in January 1990, intended to reduce the stigma of depression, said that single mothers were the largest group to suffer from clinical depression, especially those in the inner cities. So, in spite of the magnificent efforts of many single women, Mr Dawson can't be all that wrong.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPHINE HANSON,
71b Effra Road, SW2.
August 5.

From Lady McDonald

Sir, All fathers, rich or poor, were once financially responsible for their children, whether they were born in or out of wedlock.

If this law was reintroduced and a man had to think twice before making a girl pregnant, knowing that he could not afford to pay for the upkeep of the child he so carelessly brought into the world, then Mr Peter Dawson's million single-parent families would be fewer and, one hopes, there would be a corresponding decrease in problem children.

Yours sincerely,
MARY J. McDONALD,
9 Daniells Walk,
Lymington,
Hampshire.
August 3.

Peace and Mr Hurd

From the Secretary-General of Peace Through Nato

Sir, Alastair Mackie (August 6), commenting on Mr Hurd's account of last year's "dangerous living" (August 2), takes Mr Hurd's call to act to "secure lasting peace" out of context.

It would be wrong for the UK to presume we could solve the problems of Middle East security by imposing a Nato policy on the region. Naval modernisation, the introduction of Trident, is in line with Soviet modernisation of its naval forces. Defence and the securement of lasting peace are not interchangeable concepts.

Yours sincerely,
KEN ALDRED,
Secretary-General,
Peace Through Nato,
46-47 Chancery Lane, WC2.
August 6.

Soldiers of the Queen's

From the Colonel of The Queen's Regiment

Sir, The Queen's Regiment is appealing against the minister of defence's order to amalgamate with the Royal Hampshire Regiment to form a regiment of only two battalions. We wish to obtain fair treatment for our soldiers.

We are prepared to accept the loss of one of our three regular battalions with sadness but with good grace. We know that it is a fair share of the cuts demanded and sympathise with the other "large" regiments of the infantry which have to make the same sacrifice.

However, if in addition we have to amalgamate with the Royal Hampshire Regiment — a fine regiment, for whom we have the utmost respect — twice as many Queen's soldiers will either have to lose their careers or transfer out of their regiment as those in the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, the Royal Anglian Regiment, the Light Infantry and the Royal Green Jackets, which are exactly equivalent regiments.

We simply do not understand why we have been singled out for this double blow, and we have not been given any explanation. It seems that we are being asked to accept nearly 6 per cent of the required redundancies in the army when we are only 1 per cent of the total army strength.

Yours etc.,
M. F. REYNOLDS, Colonel,
The Queen's Regiment,
Howe Barracks,
Canterbury, Kent.

Mortgage payments

From the Operations Director of Abbey National

Sir, Abbey National does not ask mortgage customers to pay in advance, as Mr Lewis states (August 6). New borrowers are asked to pay in 1991 the total amount of interest due from the completion date to December 31, 1991. Interest will be calculated in 1992 on the total balance outstanding as at that date.

Abbey National is obliged to request payment of this 1991 interest in order to stay within an exact mortgage term for both interest and the advance, as required by the Consumer Credit Act. Furthermore, if the payment is not made then, the balance of the account at December 31, 1991, could be greater than the amount borrowed. This is not a situation that would be acceptable to the majority of our mortgagors (not mortgagees, as your headline calls them).

All of this should be explained to new borrowers. I regret that this may not have been the case for Mr Lewis.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES TONER,
Abbey National plc,
Abbey House, Baker Street, NW1.

HMS Endurance

From Lord Buxton and Lord Shackleton

Sir, During a discussion on Radio Four on August 7 about a replacement for HMS Endurance, which has provided the essential British presence so successfully in the South Atlantic and the Antarctic, a representative from the International Institute for Strategic Studies made an uninformed guess at the cost of a replacement, claiming a figure of about £150 million. This was very seriously misleading.

If HMS Endurance is found not fit to go south, an ideal replacement is at present available in Norway, which can be leased for 15 years at a cost of £3 million a year. These facts are known to the ministers concerned and to the prime minister, and we understand they are giving careful consideration to the whole issue.

Yours etc.,
BUXTON,
SHACKLETON,
House of Lords.

Gallantry at sea

From Brigadier W. C. Deller

Sir, Your article, "Gallantry in peril on the sea" (August 6), while rightly paying tribute to the servicemen on board HMS Birkenhead, which sank in 1852, is inaccurate in one respect. While the 74th Highlanders were by one man the largest single contingent on board, and provided the commander of embarked troops, many other regiments were represented.

The History of the 12th Foot (Suffolk Regiment), volume one, 1685-1913, contains the following account based on the embarkation returns and a survivor's report:

HMS Birkenhead, Commander Salmond, an iron paddle-wheel transport, sailed from Cork on 7th January 1852. She had on board 731 souls, of whom 132, including officers, belonged to the Royal Navy, and 360 officers and men to different regiments, while Lieutenant Colonel Seton, 74th Highlanders, commanded the troops.

The second in command was Captain Wright, of the 91st Regiment, who was one of the two, out of eleven, officers on board, who escaped, and to whose narrative is due most of the information received.

The following was the embarkation return:

Officer Commanding —
Lt Col Seton 74th Highlanders

	Officers	Men
12 Lancers	1	4
2nd Queens	1	35
6th Regiment	1	47
12th Regiment		55
43rd Light Infantry	1	29
45th Regiment		3
60th Rifles		30
73rd Regiment	2	54
74th Highlanders	1	48
91st Regiment	1	44
Army Medical Dept	2	
Total	11	349
Grand total		360

Most of the officers were very junior, and of the men the largest proportion were recruits.

Yours faithfully,
W. C. DELLER (President),
The Suffolk Regiment Association and the Royal Anglian Regiment Association (Suffolk and Cambridgeshire branch),
The Keep,
Gibraltar Barracks,
Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk.
August 6.

Looting in Leeds

From Mr E. G. Handley

Sir, In your report (August 3) on the Chapeltown disturbance in Leeds, you quote the police chief superintendent as saying, among other things, "we have to police by consent".

Whose consent? Rioters? Looters? Watch committee? Do the police in Leeds no longer enforce the law of the land?

Yours faithfully,
E. G. HANDLEY,
Basildon Cottage,
Lower Basildon, Berkshire.

Cool bottles

From Mr Warwick J. R. Blench

Sir, Having followed Jane MacQuitty's suggestion (Saturday Review, August 3) on how to keep wine cool on a hot day, I can vouch that wrapping a bottle in a wet newspaper, even a quality one such as yours, results after a short while in barely cool wine, black newsprint all over one's hands, and a filthy mess to dispose of afterwards. I think I will stick to the cool box.

Yours sincerely,
W. BLENCH,
50 Don Street, St Helier, Jersey, CI.

Lecturers' pay

From Mr Vincent Bissell

Sir, Dr Colin Smith's comments on medical lecturers' pay (August 5) apply equally to clinical academic staff teaching dentistry. In fact, whilst a large proportion of clinical medicine is taught by NHS staff, almost all the teaching of dental undergraduates is done by university employed academic staff.

The failure of universities to follow the usual practice of translating NHS pay awards to clinical academics will lead to discrepancies between academic salaries and those of their NHS colleagues. In dentistry it is already the case that the earnings of general dental practitioners are often in excess of those of academics.

If parity is now to be lost between dental academics and hospital-based dental staff the consequences seem obvious. There will be declining morale amongst academic staff and difficulty in attracting high-calibre individuals into academic careers. Dental research will suffer, as will the education of Britain's future dentists.

Yours faithfully,
VINCENT BISSELL,
University of Edinburgh,
Department of Prosthetic Dentistry,
Old High School,
12 Infirmary Street, Edinburgh.
August 5.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

From Dr David Tunbridge

Sir, Dr Colin Smith refers to doctors withdrawing applications from medical academic posts. We have just finished shortlisting for a medical senior registrar. Other posts with the same duties are on medical lecturers' pay. The senior registrar post attracted 23 applicants, the lecturer posts attract barely half a dozen.

To maintain parity of salary between NHS and academic posts is not just doctors "feeling for their wallets" but real concern for the future of academic medicine in the UK.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID TUNBRIDGE,
Department of Medicine,
The Royal Infirmary,
Manchester M13 9WL.

Accident prone

From Dr John Doherty

Sir, Martin Jacques (August 7) complains that Euroblandness has taken the adventure out of motoring from London to Rome.

If only it were so. Back axles may no longer break, but in recent trips I have been re-routed, run into, and robbed. I have seen cars boil over and drivers run over. I have tried flying (diverted) and train (derailed).

Your columnist is welcome to join me on the next expedition.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DOHERTY,
Via Cleante,
Casal Palocco,
Rome 00124.
August 8.

SOCIAL NEWS

Christenings

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs James Charles Gordon was christened Louise Anne by Mgr Charles Caruana, Prelate of Honour to His Holiness The Pope and Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gibraltar, in the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes, at the Cathedral of St Mary the Crowned, Gibraltar, on Thursday, August 1, 1991. The godparents are Mrs James F.F. Gordon and Mr Anthony W.J. Lombard.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs David Sargison and brother to Lucy Victoria and Emma Charlotte was christened James Phillip by the Rev Roy Hill in St Andrew's Church, Lisbon, Portugal, on Saturday, August 3, 1991. The godparents are Mrs Margaret Buxton, Mrs Romy Raposo, Mr Neil Roberts and Mr Horácio Negrão.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry V, reigned 1413-22, Monmouth, 1387; Isaac Walton, author of *The Compleat Angler*, Stafford, 1593; Thomas Telford, road, bridge and canal builder, Westerkirk, Dumfries, 1757; Philip Larkin, poet, Coventry, 1922.

DEATHS: Maarten Tromp, Dutch admiral, killed in an engagement with the British, 1653; Frederick Marryat, novelist, Langham, Norfolk, 1848; Sir Edward Frankland, chemist, Golaa, Norway, 1899; Ruggiero Leoncavallo, composer, Montecatini Ferme, Italy, 1919.

Service dinner

Army Catering Corps

Brigadier J.B. Bloxham, Director of the Army Catering Corps, was dined out at a ladies' night dinner held last night at the HQ Mess, Aldershot. Lieutenant-General Sir John Wilsey, representative Colonel Commandant, presided.

British Psychological Society

The following have been elected to fellowship of the society:
Dr Paul Raymond Gilbert, Dr Derek Leslie Milne, Dr Paul Martin Salkovskis, Dr Suzanne Margaret Skevington, Dr Peter Jonathan Cooper, Dr John Gerald Greene, Dr Richard Stuart Hallam, Dr Elizabeth Alice Kuipers and Dr Andrew Whiten.

British Safety Council

The Indonesian Ambassador and the Deputy High Commissioner for Sri Lanka attended an awards presentation held by the British Safety Council at the Royal Over-Seas League yesterday for holders of the International Diploma in Safety Management. Mr James Tye, director general, was the host.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.A. Butler and Miss C.F. Bullen
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Butler, of Warsash, Hampshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bullen, of Alvediston, Wiltshire.

Mr I.M. Greaves and Miss F.E.M. Steel
The engagement is announced between Ian Matthew, youngest son of Mrs Jean Greaves, of Keyworth, Nottingham, and Frances Elizabeth May, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Steel, of Bledington, Gloucestershire.

Flight-Lieutenant J. Heald and Miss A.S. Marr
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Professor and Mrs P.J. Heald, Hunter's Moon, Butleigh, Somerset, and Anne Sarah, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs T.C.K. Marr, Wade House, Elie, Fife.

Mr P.S. Lamb and Miss E.A. Stuart
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs N. Lamb, of Tolcarne, Pinetree Grove, Middleton-St-George, Co Durham, and Elspeth, daughter of Captain and Mrs S. Stuart, of Prinsted, Emsworth, Hampshire.

Mr C.M. Lanyon and Miss K.A. Bell
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Lanyon, of Lymington, and Katy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Bell, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Dr R.J. Ober and Dr E.S. Ward
The engagement is announced between Raimund, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Ober, of Rottweil, Germany, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.Y. Ward, of Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Mr C.M.T. Tatham and Miss H.M. Allen
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.M. Tatham, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, and Heather, second daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Allen, of Lisburn, County Antrim.

Mr C.P.M. Duffy and Miss L.A. Gordon-Smith
The engagement is announced between Craig Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derek Duffy, of Iver, Buckinghamshire, and Louise Anne, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander Peter Gordon-Smith, RN, and Mrs Gordon-Smith, of Up Marden, Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr J.T. Guest Albert and Miss H.A.J. Gray
The engagement is announced between Justin Thomas, eldest child of Mr and Mrs Robert Albert, of Cabalva House, Herefordshire, and Hester Amanda Jessica, eldest daughter of Mrs Rose Gray, of Westbourne Terrace, London, and Michael Selby Gray, of Argyll.

Mr P.T. Hall and Miss C.E. Dunn
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Hall, of Little Waldingfield, Suffolk, and Corinne, daughter of Mrs Hilary Hicks Dunn, of Eaton Socon, Cambridgeshire, and Mr David Dunn, of Ringwood, Hampshire.

Mr A.M. Wheeler and Miss M.J. Downs
The engagement is announced between Andrew Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Wheeler, of Yatton Keynell, Wiltshire, and Melanie Jayne Downs, MCSP, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.R. Downs, of Hindon, Wiltshire.

Mr B.R.C. Wild and Miss C.R. Hunt
The engagement is announced between Barton, youngest son of the late Mr Joseph Wild, RAFVR, and the late Mrs Violet Wild, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Rosie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Hunt, of Knights Enham, Andover, Hampshire.

Mr S.D. Yorke and Miss A.K. Norman
The engagement is announced between Simon David, son of Mr David Yorke, of South Heighton, Sussex, and Mrs Stephanie Bindon-Howell, of Richmond, Surrey, and Amanda Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Norman, of Esher, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr R.J.J. Stokes-Rhys and Miss P.S. Tayler
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 3, at the Parish Chapelry of St John, Aust, near Bristol, between Mr Rhodri Stokes-Rhys, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Stokes-Rees, of London, and Braemore, Ross-shire, and Miss Philippa Sarah Tayler, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Tayler, of Aust. The Right Rev Mgr William Mitchell, VG, officiated, assisted by the Very Rev The Prior of Ampleforth, Dom Antony Sutch, OSB, and the Very Rev Canon Antony Cotter.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Holly Charrington, Bettina Maxwell, Peter Liddell-Grainger and Hamish Barker. Mr Iain Ogilvie was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent on the Continent.

Mr C.J. Lippke and Miss J.A. Aylward
The marriage took place on August 3, at St Joseph's Church, Hanwell, London, between Mr Christopher John Lippke, of Connecticut, USA, and Miss Julie Ann Aylward, of London.

London's past goes on show in new museum

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of archaeological finds from London's past are to go on display in a new museum near the Tower of London. The display forms part of the Tower Hill Pageant, a series of tableaux depicting the history of London from Roman times to the Blitz.

The pageant is technically a "dark ride", in which visitors sit in an electric car and are transported past the tableaux. "The format builds and advances on the presentation techniques used at the acclaimed Jorvik Viking Centre in York", said Andrew Hamilton of the Culverin Consortium, which is developing the facility. "I believe that a large measure of the success of Jorvik is attributable to the combination of education with entertainment, which we have tried to duplicate".

Some 2,000 objects from Museum of London excavations in London over the past 20 years will illustrate 2,000 years of history. Roman, Saxon and medieval finds "will help the visitor explore the archaeological evidence for London's history," Mr Hamilton said.

The Tower Hill Pageant will be housed in Victorian wine vaults west of the Tower of London. A "scenic lift" will take visitors down past archaeological strata to AD 43, the year of Claudius's conquest of southern Britain, and they will then pass displays "vividly illustrating the constant sequence of destruction and rebuilding over the next two thousand years", Mr Hamilton said.

The sequence has been "meticulously researched and approved by the Museum of London", he said. The museum has also assembled the final display of finds. The project, which has cost £10 million, will be formally opened by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Alexander Graham, on September 5.

OBITUARIES

SHAPOUR BAKHTIAR

Dr Shapour Bakhtiar, the last prime minister under the Shah of Iran, was found dead from stab wounds yesterday aged 77 at his home outside Paris. He was born on June 26, 1914.

SHAPOUR Bakhtiar was a politician of liberal persuasion who opposed both the Shah of Iran's regime and the fundamentalist rule introduced by Ayatollah Khomeini. He was a deputy minister during the National Front government of Dr Mohammad Mossadiq from 1951 to 1953 and, although he was imprisoned several times during the Shah's reign, it was to him that the Shah turned in January 1979 in a last desperate bid to save the monarchy from the fundamentalist revolutionaries. He agreed to become prime minister on condition that the Shah went into exile but after five stormy weeks in office during which he strove to introduce radical reforms Bakhtiar was forced to resign in despair as Khomeini was swept to power on a tide of fundamentalist fervour. Five months later Bakhtiar established himself in Paris from where he headed the National Movement of the Iranian Resistance. He favoured the institution of a constitutional monarchy under the Shah's son, Reza Pahlavi.

Shapour Bakhtiar's life-long stance on the centre-left of his country's politics was largely determined by the circumstances of his birth. His father, a scholar and a chieftain of the ancient Bakhtiary tribe in south-western Iran, was hanged by Reza Shah after a dispute with the central government, and his grandfather, who was prime minister twice under the previous dynasty of the Qajar shahs, had been one of the main leaders of the civil war that earned for the country a parliamentary mode of government at the beginning of the century.

After the death of his mother when he was seven, Bakhtiar was educated in Iran, the Lebanon and France, where he obtained degrees in law and philosophy from the Sorbonne. Before returning to Iran, he spent eleven years in France, with the result that he became involved in the turbulent politics of pre-war Europe. Showing some interest early on in the rise of German nationalism, he was alienated by the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia and the Nuremberg rallies, at one of which he sat a short distance from Hitler at the invitation of German friends. Subsequently he supported the cause of Republican Spain and voluntarily joined the French Army on the outbreak of the second world war. The previous year he had married a French woman.

According to his autobiography *Ma Fidélité* (Édition Albin Michel, Paris, 1982) his artillery unit saw very little action, though at one time it was surrounded by the Germans, and Bakhtiar soon found himself posted to the Spanish border region after the signing of the French armistice treaty. However, he never lost confidence in the ultimate victory of the allies and spent 15 days in a military jail for fighting a fellow officer who saw little hope for France and Britain.

For the remainder of the war, he transferred his wife and two children to the small town of Saint-Nicolas-du-Pélem and acted as a courier in the resistance between Paris and Brittany. He also permitted the resistance to use his apartment in Paris and helped to hide an American airman, coming close to capture by the Gestapo several times. Towards the end of the war, Bakhtiar returned to the Sorbonne to obtain a doctorate in law, his prophetic thesis being on the relationship between church and state in the classical world. For the rest of his life he would remain committed to secularism in politics.

On his return to Iran in 1946, he was received kindly by the young Mohammad-Reza Shah, whose pro-German father, Reza Shah, had died the previous year in exile in Johannesburg. Bakhtiar joined the new Ministry of Labour, rising to its top position of permanent secretary within four years before being sacked for displeasing the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (later BP) and the Shah for advocating radical reforms in the area of labour relations.

According to his own account his main aim had been to reduce the influence of the pro-Soviet Tudeh (communist) Party among oil workers, but the real reason for earning the displeasure of the palace may have been his growing links with Dr Mohammad Mossadiq, the nationalist aristocrat and member of the Majlis (parliament) who advocated the nationalisation of the oil industry and the curbing of the power of the monarch. Bakhtiar had joined Mossadiq's Iran Party immediately after his return from France.

He became minister of state for labour in Mossadiq's second cabinet in 1951 and played an active part in guiding Iran's defence of its nationalisation of British oil assets at the International Court of Justice at The Hague and at the United Nations. However, he found himself in prison following the coup that toppled the nationalist government in August, 1953. Having turned down the offer of a full seat in the new cabinet of General Zahidi, he spent nearly six years in jail over the next 25 years, the first term for "insulting the Monarch and co-operating with the Tudeh Party", despite his well-known anti-communism. His continued opposition to the new regime was especially intolerable on account of his being related to Queen Soraya.

His underground activities at this period included the setting up (with, among other Mossadiquites, Mehdi Bazargan, the future first prime minister of the Islamic republic) of printing units for anti-government publications and the direction of efforts to get opposition supporters elected to parliament, a largely futile pursuit. But he did play an important part in 1962 in preventing the Mossadiquite National Front coalition of parties and societies aligning itself with Islamic fundamentalist rioters led by Ayatollah Khomeini.

Sixteen years later in 1978, by which time he had become the Front's deputy leader, he would be defeated on this same point by three votes to two. When rioters had taken over the streets all over the country, he broke away from his colleagues on the council of the National Front and was turned to by the Shah to come to the rescue of his tottering dynasty by forming a government.

So weak was the Shah's position by then that he accepted Bakhtiar's condition (and apparently the United States' recommendation) that he leave the country, so that Bakhtiar's claim that liberals were at last in charge of Iran would sound credible. Knowing that time was not on his side, Bakhtiar and his cabinet of former National Front figures set out on a programme of radical changes: press freedom was restored; all political detainees were freed; the hated SAVAK secret police agency was disbanded; and the enormous assets of the palace in the Pahlavi Foundation were transferred to the government.

Bakhtiar later wrote that his request to the Shah to leave the country was not a heartfelt desire but the consequence of hard-headed deliberation: if the Government succeeded in restoring stability to Iran, the Shah would resume his plotting: "After all, I would never be as strong as Mossadiq."

But Iran's first liberal government for 25 years lasted only 37 days. The vast majority of the country's mosques were now controlled by supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini who, after his return from exile on February 1, 1979, appointed Mehdi Bazargan, Bakhtiar's former fellow inmate and colleague in the National Front, as provisional prime minister with the mission to seize the reins of government from its "present usurpers" as soon as possible.

Nine days later, fighting broke out all over Tehran after the rebellion of a unit of the air force. Army barracks and police stations were attacked by mobs of fundamentalists and armed left-wing partisans, resulting in "a declaration of neutrality" by the chiefs of staff of the armed forces, who were all appointees of the Shah. Bakhtiar went underground and surfaced in Paris in July. His premiership had come too late to have a chance of success. For this he blamed the Shah and the US "which did not contact the Iranian opposition for 20 years".

In Paris Bakhtiar formed a party out of his supporters in exile, the National Movement of the Iranian Resistance. He was sentenced to death *in absentia* by the Tehran authorities and was heavily guarded by the French police following two assassination attempts on his life by men pledged to the Ayatollah. In one of these incidents in July 1980, four Arabs attacked his flat, shooting dead a policeman and a neighbour. He lived under permanent guard, mounted by four French policemen and his own security men. He expressed disquiet last year when the French government, which was seeking to improve relations with Iran, freed Anis Naccache, the Lebanese who had been jailed for the assassination attempt.

During Iran's war with Iraq Bakhtiar criticised the west for supplying the Khomeini regime with military spare-parts and called for a boycott of Iran's oil. He formed an alliance with another liberal former prime minister, Dr Ali Amini, who shared his aim of restoring a constitutional monarchy in Iran but was scathing in his attacks on his left wing rivals, the National Resistance Council headed by ex-president Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and the Mujahedin leader, Mussad Rajavi, both of whom also lived in Paris.

Bakhtiar was twice married. He had two sons and two daughters from his first marriage to a Frenchwoman. His second wife was Iranian. Away from politics, he was a keen mountain climber and loved Persian and French poetry.

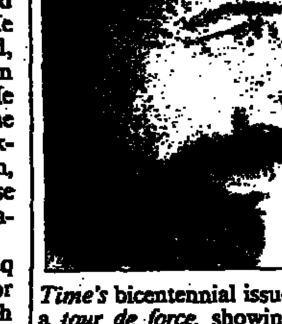
RICHARD HESS

Richard Hess, artist and designer, died on August 5 aged 57 after a short illness. He was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on May 27, 1934.

RICHARD Hess was a self-taught artist who became one of America's leading painter/illustrators. His work was in the American tradition of primitive painting, to which he added his own wit and surrealism. His career began modestly enough when at 17 he created the painting-by-numbers kits for the Palmer Paint Company in Detroit. He was then asked to design brochures and packaging for the company; as he knew nothing about graphics, he went out and bought a copy of *American Artist*. An article on Paul Rand inspired him to become a graphic designer. The article and some night-school classes in graphics were the only formal art training Hess received. A few years later he had won the first and third prizes in an Art Directors' Club competition. Soon he was working as an art director in advertising, at first with J. Walter Thompson, later with Benton & Bowles. He was only 27.

In 1965 he started his own design firm, working for a range of clients including Dupont, IBM, Pan Am and Xerox. In 1966 he redesigned *Evergreen* magazine and *Vista* for the United Nations.

When he was 37, he returned to his first love, painting. For 15 years he worked regularly for *Time* magazine, *TV Guide*, *New York* magazine and *Esquire*. He had a remarkable gift for satiric portraiture and conceptual images. His portrait for *Esquire* of Lyndon Johnson as a painting-by-numbers kit was a graphic classic. His cover for



Time's bicentennial issue was a *tour de force*, showing the variety of ethnic groups in America.

His most recent work was a series of posters for the New York City Opera — images to evoke their repertoire from Sondheim to Schoenberg. The paintings cover an equally wide range of visual styles, all executed with great flair and panache.

Hess frequently lectured at universities and seminars. He knew how to communicate his own enthusiasm for graphic art with humour and humanity. He was a large, amiable man, who looked like a sophisticated cowboy (which, indeed, he had been at one time).

He had a great passion for painting and would work very long hours, often into the night; usually late for the deadlines publishing imposed. While he worked he liked listening to music or old movies and had a collection of about 3,000 neatly catalogued videos. Hess lived on a large farm in Connecticut, where he juggled with the demands of his career, his large household and his two handicapped children, Adam and Sarah. He is survived by them and his painter son, Mark. His two marriages were dissolved.

He had several one-man shows of his paintings in New York, London, Paris and Tokyo, and also exhibited at the Musée des Arts Decoratifs, Pavillon de Marsan, Palais du Louvre, Milan's Castello Sforesco, the Venice Biennale, and the Detroit Museum of Art. His work is in the permanent collections of many major museums including the Smithsonian and the Museum of Modern Art. He was last month elected into the New York Art Directors' Club Hall of Fame.

PROFESSOR MAX ROSTAL

Professor Max Rostal, CBE, British violinist and violin teacher, died on August 6 aged 85. He was born in Teschen, Silesia, on August 7, 1905.

MAX Rostal was one of the seminal figures in the violin world during the post-war era. His playing displayed a kind of questing insight and adventurous unorthodoxy that stood him apart from the normal run of his contemporaries. That made him in later life an ideal teacher, one who persuaded his pupils to go beyond the notes and examine the meaning of what they played. In that sense he was working against the grain of his time, which placed so much importance on perfection of technique often at the expense of thought about the music in hand. At the same time his own technical fluency was never in question.

His style had been formed by Carl Flesch, with whom Rostal studied at the Berlin Hochschule (after a period with Arnold Rosé at the Vienna Academy), and it was Flesch's principles that he himself later propagated. Rostal also studied composition in Berlin with, among others, Matyas Seiber. Flesch took Rostal as his assistant in Berlin in 1928 and in 1930 he became the academy's youngest professor. In 1933, the rise of Nazism forced him to leave Berlin and he emigrated to Britain.

In London he developed his career as a player. He became a keen advocate of modern works. He was one of the leading exponents of Bartók's Second Concerto, which at that time was considered technically fearsome, and he introduced Khachaturian's Violin Concerto to this country. He also gave first performances of works by, among others, Alan Bush, Reizenstein, Seiber and Britten. At the same time he forged a wonderfully vital duo with the pianist Franz Osborn, playing together the sonata repertory, particularly the Beethoven and Brahms works in that genre, with a nice combination of freedom and discipline, always probing new depths as their records of some of these works remind us. After Osborn retired, Rostal joined forces with Colin Horsley. From 1944 to 1958 he was professor at the Guildhall School of Music and profoundly influenced a generation of British players.

Rostal has another claim to fame. He was, as it were, wet nurse to the Amadeus Quartet. After they had been released from internment, Brainin, Schidlof and Nissel all went to study with Rostal, and it was through another of his pupils, the violinist Suzanne Rosza, that the three met her husband, the cellist Martin Lovett. After the war, they all played at one time or another in the Rostal Chamber Orchestra, and Rostal urged them to form a quartet. The rest is history. The Amadeus played at a concert to mark Rostal's 80th birthday in Switzerland in 1985.

In 1957, Rostal had returned to Germany when he was appointed professor at the Cologne Music Academy. The following year he also became professor at Berne, where he settled, commuting between there and Cologne. Although he continued to play from time to time, his main efforts were now concentrated again on teaching and on publishing manuals on the violin. In 1973, however, he took part in the Carl Flesch centenary concert. In 1974 he established the European String Teachers' Association, which became his main interest in his last years.

He was an inspiration to all those whom he taught, and at the same time a lively, convivial companion, a diminutive, dapper man who later in life sported a beard. He was appointed a CBE in 1974. Rostal is survived by his wife, Marion, a daughter from his first marriage and a daughter from his second marriage both of which were dissolved.

Birthdays today

Dr D.W. Astor, chairman, CPRE, 48; Sir Philip Beck, chairman, John Mowlem and Company, 57; Mr M.L. Bourdillon, Lord Lieutenant of Powys, 67; Sir Ewen Broadbent, civil servant, 67; the Right Rev Colin Buchanan, former Bishop of Aston, 57; Professor Elizabeth Cutter, botanist, 62; Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, 59; Baroness Denington, 84; Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse, Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, 68; Sir Christopher Laidlaw, company director, 69; Mr Rod Laver, tennis player, 53; Sir Frank Layfield, QC, 70.

Mr James Naughtie, broadcaster, 40; Rear-Admiral G.C. Ross, 91; Miss Posy Simmonds, cartoonist, 46; Dr David VandeLinde, vice-chancellor-elect, Bath University, 49; Sir Mark Weinberg, former chairman, Allied Dunbar Assurance, 60; Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, 82; Mr J.V. Wellesley, former chairman, Charles Barker Group, 58; Lord Young of Dartington, 76.

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A L H Gilley, constructive Unionism in Ireland after 1870; A C Grayling, model concepts in thought and experience; R Hodder-Williams, the making of "native policy" in Southern Rhodesia, 1940-1980; J T Hughes, evaluation of the Highlands and Islands Development Board, 1965-1990; M H Kelly, intellectual movements in Liberation France, 1944-50; A D Lehmann, religion, citizenship and popular culture in Brazil; N Lewis, next steps: ministerial responsibility to administrative law?; P McCulloch, cellular mechanisms of LAK antitumour activity; K E McLuskie, the commercialisation of drama in early modern England; A W Mullineux, financial innovation and weighted monetary aggregates; S L Myint, epidemiology of genital wart virus infections.

M E Newton, identification key to British mosses and liverworts; C A Pegg, Mongolian traditional music and society; D A Pinder, oil-based energy in the new Eastern Europe; K Pye, impact of climatic changes on continental dunefields; M A Reed, the iconography of the English town, 1500-1800; J F A Sawyer, Isaiah and the church: a study in the history of interpretation; E M Spiers, chemical weapons in the Third World; R M Stanton, Sigmund Freud's structural theory, 1919-1939; T Sutcliffe, new theatrical criteria in operative interpretation and performance; M A Taylor, biology and evolution of early plesiosaurs; W H G Wells, prosodic variation in British English; M R Wilson Jones, principles and practicalities of classical architecture.

Grants

A J Addison, the Musella De Cour, 17th-18th century; A Arnold, cybernetic analysis of the I Ching; F Barrett, archaeological air survey in the Republic of Ireland; M C B Burleigh, the Nazi "Euthanasia" programme and its victims, 1939-1990; M L Bush, a comparative study of noble power; W E Butler, the Soviet Union and international law; F Caloria, historical dictionary of ceramic and vessel terms; D Cottington, Cubism, culture and society in France, 1905-14; T S Coughlan, traditional verse in the English gypsy dialect; D W Crossley, migrant glass-makers in France and England; R R Davies, lordship in medieval British Society, c 1280-1420; R A Dove, German-speaking library exiles in London, 1933-41.

M J Galton, a development model of teacher training; C Gardner Von Teuffel, the high altarpiece in Tuscany, 1413-1620; P W Gatrell, war, economy and society in Tsarist Russia, 1914-1917; D J T Harrison, electro-acoustic music composition on "the elements"; J G Haslam, Soviet foreign policy, 1939-41: isolation and expansion; D Hey, origins of the resident population of Sheffield; J D Hurst, survey of the Hanley medieval ceramic industry; T Ingold, anthropological studies of technology; B S J Isserlin, field investigation of Xerxes' canal; P Joyce, John Bright and the English middle class; G M H King, inscriptions and rock drawings of Dhofar Oman; C Lavell, handbook of sources for British archaeology.

D M Martill, the preservation of Brazilian Cretaceous insects; W J McGuire, an exposed ancient 'plumbing system' at Mount Etna; J F McHarry, opportunities for community participation in composting schemes; P Mead, Landscape painting in the American West during the 19th and early 20th centuries; J A Milson, rural networks in 17th century Lincolnshire; R Paley, controlling magisterial misbehaviour, c1736-1836; R C Preece, malacology of Henderson Island (the Pitcairn Group) past and present; D J Reynders, learning and deception in bargaining; M S Roper, masculinity and the British Company Man, 1945-84.

R T Sakwa, state and civil society in Russia; S M Sherwin-White, Sigmund Freud and ancient culture; R E Smith, Handel's English librettos and eighteenth-century thought; S Teissier, old Assyrian commercial and legal procedures; J H Veit-Wilson, poverty theory and social security practice; P Waine, a catalogue of surviving example of gold seals.

Emeritus fellowships

I Y Ashwell, late Weichselian subglacial activity in northern Iceland; I R Beattie, small molecules interacting with metal centres; E A Bell, potential neurotoxins in British food plants; J M Bell, student progress on postgraduate degrees in continuing education; J H S Blaxter, sensory and motor systems of marine fish larvae; B C Bloomfield, (1) revised directory of rare book collections, (2) revised bibliography of Philip Larkin; Q Bone, larvacean and lungfish histology and electrophysiology; B H Bransden, the theory of atomic collisions – a monograph; D S Brewer, the "fabulous history" of Venus; J Burnett, the personal experience of unemployment, 1790-1990; W Byers Brown, Pauli and Jung, genesis of the neutrino.

P Chadwick, dynamics of anisotropic elastic media; E J Clegg, demographic change in the Outer Hebrides; L Cohen, racism awareness materials in initial teacher training; W A Cole, economic growth, 1650-1780: evidence from probate inventories; M J Cowling, "religion and public doctrine in modern England.: Volumes 3 and 4; J Cruickshank, religious renewal in 17th century France; B M Davies, the youth labour market in Britain; P M Dunn, congenital dislocation of the hip; C Embleton, the geomorphological map of Europe; G Gale, Shaker graphics and Shaker printing; J P A Gould, ancient Greek theatre: a documentary history; C A Hogarth, characteristics of different classes of amorphous material.

A Jacobs, Sir Henry Wood, 1869-1944; a biography; V H T James, the purification of breast cell growth factors; M A Jones, immigration control and New York politics, 1820-1920; H Keen, studies in diabetes mellitus and its complications; J S L Leach, corrosion and metal-electrolyte interfaces; H B Mattingly, Rome and the Hellenistic world: uneasy partners; D J Mead, passive vibration control; U Mittwoch, rate of gonadal development and sex differentiation; W D Ollis, mechanism of thermal molecular rearrangements; J F Porter, education for developments in small countries; A Ravetz, a cultural history of English council housing; J A Rex, immigrant associations, identity and mobilisation in Europe.

C T Sandford, a comparative study of tax reform; M Shepherd, a lexicon of psychiatric and mental health terms; D Slay, completion of a critical edition of Mirmanns saga; A D Smith, a dictionary of biochemical science; M Stacey, professional self-regulation: the case of the General Medical Council; J E Stevens, songs and lyrics in early medieval England; J E Sweetman, the artist and the bridge, 1700-1920; J Tivy, to prepare a new edition of "Biogeography: The Role of Plants in the Ecosphere"; U A Wannop, regional planning and governance: an international study.

Study abroad students

M E A Alex-Sanders, Micropalaeontology and sedimentology – Malaysia; J Bennett, devotional imagery – Italy; V C Barnie, art, architecture and society – The Netherlands; E J Clery, the romance reader, 1640-1760 – France; V F H Earl, visual and physical language – France; J M Foot, Milan the "economic miracle", 1950-1970 – Italy; M A Fox, History and prehistory – Germany; S C Fraser, architecture – Japan; P R Gready, autobiography in apartheid South Africa – South Africa; S M Holland, rural poverty culture – Thailand; C R Hurley, architectural conservation in the 19th century – Switzerland; S A Leftley, millenarian thought in Renaissance Rome – Italy.

J H Mitchie, tax avoidance – Canada; S Milliken, Upper Palaeolithic workshops – Italy; S J Palmer, electrochromic tungsten oxide thin films – Sweden; M H Porter, French aristocratic culture – France; M T Sleeman, Aboriginal citizenship in South Australia – South Australia; S Wray, ecology of Pteropus Livingstonii – Comoro Islands.

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Then Jesus turned to them: 'Is it permitted to do good or to do evil on the sabbath, to save life or to kill'. They had nothing to say.
St Mark 3:4 REB

BIRTHS

BALLANTINE - On August 8th, to Marie (née Hughes) and David, a son, Alastair James Russell.

BORRELLI - On August 7th, to Grace and Alex, a son, Michael Charles, a brother for Maria.

BRINDLE - On August 3rd, to Heather and Michael, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth.

DAVIES - On August 3rd, to Juliet (née Glassborow) and Stephen, a daughter, Olivia Stephanie Evelyn.

DUSER - On August 1st, at The Portland Hospital, to Camilla (née Lipton) and Thorsten, a daughter, Olivia Emily Helena.

HAMER - On August 7th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Heather and Christopher, a son, Jonathan Mark George, a brother for Douglas.

HATFIELD - On August 6th, to Julia (née Chavasse) and David, a son, Charles Philip Monckton.

HAYES - On August 1st, to Maxine (née Mitchiner) and Gordon, a daughter, Felicity Harriet, a sister for Josephine and Eleanor.

HEDLEY - On August 4th 1991, to Sally (née Eastwood) and Nick, a son, Benjamin James Eastwood, a brother for Sarah.

HOTH - On August 7th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Frederick and Carole, a daughter, Lauren Marie.

TROTTER - On August 7th, to Sophie (née Douglas-Pennant) and Michael, a son, Hugo William.

YOUNG - On August 4th 1991 to Nicky (née Haine) and Ken, a daughter, Elizabeth Emma, a sister for Tom.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On August 6th 1991, peacefully, Alexander McGregor, aged 96 years, will be sadly missed by Tony and Diane and loving family. Service and cremation at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham, on Wednesday August 14th 1991 at 1.30 pm. All floral tributes to Co-operative Funeral Service, 1290 Pershore Road, Stirchley, Birmingham by 11.30 am.

BAKER - On August 7th, after a long illness most bravely borne, George Skaimerud. Much loved husband of Pip and father of Nicholas and Richard.

CAMPBELL - On August 6th 1991, after a long illness borne with fortitude and good humour, Patrick (Paddy), beloved husband of Peggy. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Crawley, Hants., on Wednesday August 14th at 11 am. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 25 Essie Road, Fulham, London SW6 1EE, FAO Mrs Holmes quoting Patrick Campbell's name.

CHESTER - On August 8th 1991, Professor Theodore Edward 'Teddy' Chester C.B.E., of Hale, Cheshire. Funeral details from Kenneth Dewey & Sons, tel: (061) 928-4486.

GIFFORD - On August 7th, peacefully in Weybridge Hospital, after a long illness courageously borne, Liv. Beloved mother of Michael and Anne, adoring grandmother of Andrew, Simon, Michael and Robin. Funeral at 10 am, Tuesday August 13th, at Woking Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Sam Beare Ward Fund, Weybridge Hospital.

DEATHS

HARRISON - On August 6th, suddenly in her sleep, "Kil", beloved wife of the late Reverend Stanley Harrison, much loved mother of Dick and David, grandmother of Andrew, Patricia, Jamie and Emma and great-grandmother of Andrew, Stefan, Katrina and Christina. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Roxwell, on Thursday August 15th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o T. Pennack & Sons, 3 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, CM2 7DW.

HUGHES - In the early morning of August 7th, peacefully in the loving care of his daughters and the sisters of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, Bristol. Alan Brindley Hughes: father of Francis, Anne, John, Mary: grandfather of Florence, Catherine, Celine, Thomas, Cecilia, Peter, Anna-Magdalene, Paul: husband of Diana. May he rest in the peace of Christ. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 2 pm Monday August 12th in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Clifton, Bristol.

HUNT - On August 6th 1991, peacefully in hospital at Princes Risborough, William Jack, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Margaret and father of John and Richard. Funeral Service 12.30 pm Wednesday August 14th at Princes Risborough Methodist Church, followed by cremation at The Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to The Henlon Cancer Fund, c/o Surman and Horwood Funeral Services, 25 High Street, Princes Risborough HP17 0AE.

LINDSAY-STEWART - On August 7th 1991, peacefully in a Hove nursing home, Sophia Lilian (Peggy) aged 93 years, wife of the late Capt. A.C.K. Lindsay-Stewart, devoted mother of Robin, much loved by all the family. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Steyning, on Wednesday August 14th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries may be sent to Baker & Sons, tel: (0273) 418464.

MADDOX - On August 4th, peacefully at The Angus Nursing Home, Hove, Elise, aged 93, dear wife of the late Jack Long Maddox. Loved by all her family and friends. Service at Brighton Crematorium on Thursday August 15th at 3 pm. Enquiries to W. Cornford & Sons, tel: (0273) 737005.

MASINA - On August 7th 1991, peacefully at home, Edie, much loved wife of the late Francis Masina F.R.C.S. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford, at 11 am on Monday August 12th, followed by cremation.

PETERS - On August 6th 1991, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with courage and dignity, Roy, aged 63 years, dearly loved husband of Stella and much loved father of Susan and Elaine. Funeral at Aberdeen Crematorium, West Chapel, on August 9th 1991 at 1.45 pm.

SCOTT - On August 7th, peacefully at Vicarage Gate House Nursing Home, Vera (Carmen Del Rio). Funeral at West London Crematorium on Monday August 12th at 2.45 pm. No flowers by request.

YATES - On August 7th, peacefully, Marjory Yates, formerly Druce, much loved mother of Raymond and Neville. Funeral takes place at Golders Green Crematorium, August 19th, 2.15 pm. Enquiries to K.Y. Green, tel: Aylesbury 82041.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

BALLANTINE - Millicent. The funeral will take place at the Parish Church of St Michael's, Highgate N6, on Tuesday August 13th at 11.30 followed by committal at St Marylebone Crematorium, Finchley N2. Family flowers only. Donations to Friends of Highgate Cemetery.

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DISASTER CALL LIMITED
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Nature of business: Fire and Flood Reclamation. Trade classification: 26. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 25 July 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank p.l.c. Joint Administrative Receivers: Joseph Beaumont Atkinson and Andrew Philip Peters (Office Holder Nos 1060 and 4468) of Touche Ross and Co., Newater House, 11 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3NY

FLEXI RECORDS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, on Monday, the 12th day of August, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 31st day of July 1991
JOHN E. MOON
Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
IN THE MATTER OF WESTERLY SEA SCHOOL LIMITED
IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of UNSECURED CREDITORS will be held at Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO1 1XF on Wednesday 4 September 1991 at 10.30 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.
CREDITORS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING:
1. THE MEETING IS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING A LIQUIDATOR TO THE COMPANY.
2. THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF A DIVIDEND TO UNSECURED CREDITORS. The Administrative Receivers have therefore today issued a Certificate under the Administrative Receivers (Value Added Tax Certificates) Rules 1986, to enable creditors to obtain VAT bad debt relief
Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11(1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with namely that:
(1) he has given to the joint administrative receiver at the offices of Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO1 1XF, not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11(2)-(7) Insolvency Rules 1986 and
(2) there has been lodged with the joint administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Copies of the receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who write to ask the receivers for a copy at the above address.
The only motion to be put before the meeting is the appointment and constitution of the receivership creditors' committee under Section 49 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Dated this 7th day of August 1991
P S Padmore
Joint Administrative Receiver
Westerly Sea School Limited

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
IN THE MATTER OF COMO & CO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 9th August 1991 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, for the purpose of voting, Secured Creditors must (unless they surrender their Security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the Company, prior to the Meeting, a Statement giving particulars of their Security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it is assessed
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may reasonably require pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act
DATED this 31st day of July 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
C.G. HAWKINS
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
ELITE FOOTWEAR LIMITED
(Co No 1930682)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of SINGLA & COMPANY, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4SA on Wednesday 14th August 1991 at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of SINGLA & COMPANY, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4SA between 10.00 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 12th and 13th August 1991
Creditors must submit a proof of debt before voting and, unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value
Dated this 26th day of July 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
S VIRK (MRS)
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE HOLLOWAY GROUP LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named Company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 6th September 1991, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and description, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Julian Buchler, of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
1st August 1991
David Julian Buchler
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF SIREX LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of August 1991 at 11.00 a.m., for the purposes mentioned in Section 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Statements of claim and proxy forms, if applicable, must be lodged at PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP not later than 12 noon on the twelfth day of August 1991.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP on the eighth of August 1991.
Dated this thirty-first day of July 1991
By order of the Board
J Bailey - Director

No. 007211 OF 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 23rd July 1991 confirming the cancellation of the amount of £32,036,583.00 standing to the credit of the share premium account of the company as at 31st October 1990 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 31st July 1991.
DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 1991.
Messrs. Wragge & Co.,
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Solicitors for the company.

SPECTRUM DATA SERVICES LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
Take notice that the undersigned, John Charles Heath of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, was appointed Liquidator of SPECTRUM DATA SERVICES LIMITED by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on the 19th day of July 1991
JOHN C HEATH FIPA
Liquidator
Dated this 19th day of July 1991

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up
(Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1806946. Name of Company: Callalpha Limited. Nature of business: Employment Agency and Recruitment Specialists. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 44 Masons Hill Bromley, Kent, BR2 9EQ. Liquidators names and addresses: Roger W Gillett M.I.P.A. 44 Masons Hill, Bromley, Kent BR2 9EQ and Stephen B Ryman of Clareville House 26/27 Oxendon Street, London SW1 4EP. Office holder nos. 6344 and 4751. Date of appointment: 25th July 1991. By whom appointed: Creditors Date 30.7.1991

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up
(Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1707504. Name of company: Holloway Mechanical Services Limited. Nature of business: Mechanical Services to other Companies in Group. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 1 Kings Yard Carpenters Road Stratford London E15 2DU. Liquidator name and address: David Julian Buchler, Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street London W1X 9DF. Office holder number 3134. Date of appointment 26th July 1991. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors. Date 1/8/91

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RE THE TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY LIMITED IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
Take notice that I, Christopher Guy Adams of C G Adams Associates, 62 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LD was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 17 July 1991.
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Date 19 July 1991
C G Adams

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up
(Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1892035. Name of company: The Holloway Group Limited. Nature of business: Holding Company. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 1 Kings Yard Carpenters Road Stratford London E15 2DU. Liquidator name and address: David Julian Buchler, Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street London W1X 9DF. Office holder number 3134. Date of appointment 26th July 1991. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors. Date 1/8/91

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up
(Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1092035. Name of company: Holloway Decorative Finishes Limited. Nature of business: Services to Other Companies in Group. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 1 Kings Yard Carpenters Road Stratford London E15 2DU. Liquidator name and address: David Julian Buchler, 84 Grosvenor Street London W1X 9DF. Office holder number 3134. Date of appointment: 26th July 1991. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors Date 1/8/91.

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up
(Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number 1767083. Name of company: Holloway Building Services Limited. Nature of business: Building Services. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 1 Kings Yard Carpenters Road Stratford London E15 2DU. Liquidator name and address: David Julian Buchler, Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street London W1X 9DF. Office holder number 3134. Date of appointment 26th July 1991. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors Date 26 July 1991.

ROCKTORCH LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Meetings of Members and of the Creditors will be held at 62 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LD on 15 August 1991 at 11.00 and 11.30 in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Christopher Guy Adams of C G Adams Associates, 62 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LD is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company who will during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require
By Order of the Board
WILLIAM KELSEY
DIRECTOR

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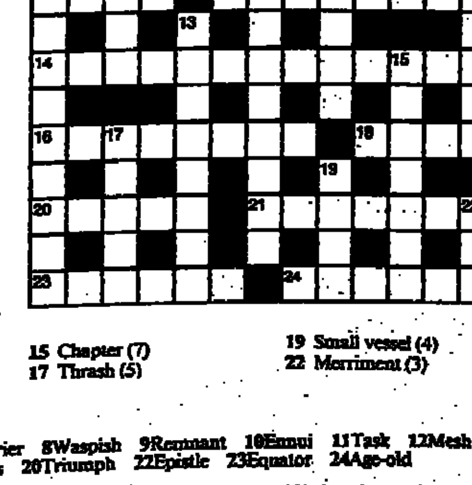

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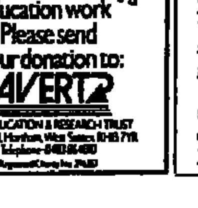

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"We Must Resist Aggression"

IN THE life of a nation, we're called upon to define who we are and what we believe ... Today, as president, I ask for your support in a decision I've made to stand up for what's right and condemn what's wrong, all in the cause of peace. At my direction, elements of the 82nd Airborne Division, as well as key units of the United States Air Force, are arriving today to take up defensive positions in Saudi Arabia.

I took this action to assist the Saudi government in the defence of its homeland. No one commits American armed forces to a dangerous mission lightly, but after perhaps unparalleled international consultation, and exhausting every alternative, it became necessary to take this action.

Iraq's aggression came just hours after Saddam Hussein specifically assured numerous countries in the area that there would be no invasion. There is no justification whatsoever for this outrageous and brutal act of aggression. A puppet regime, imposed from the outside, is unacceptable. The acquisition of territory by force is unacceptable. No one, friend or foe, should doubt our desire for peace, and no one should underestimate our determination to confront aggression. Four simple principles guide our policy:

☐ First, we seek the immediate, unconditional and complete withdrawal of all Iraqi forces from Kuwait;

☐ Second, Kuwait's legitimate government must be restored to replace the puppet regime;

☐ Third, my administration, as has been the case with every president from President to President Reagan, is committed to the security and stability of the Gulf; and

☐ Fourth, I am determined to protect the lives of American citizens abroad ...

The stakes are high. Iraq is already a rich and powerful country that possesses the world's second-largest reserves of oil, and over a million men under arms. It's the fourth largest military in the world. We succeeded in the struggle for freedom in Europe because we and our allies remained stalwart. Keeping the peace in the Middle East will require no less. Appeasement does not work. As was the case in the 1930s, we see in Saddam Hussein an aggressive dictator threatening his neighbours ... and twice we have seen what his promises mean. His promises mean nothing.

In the last few days I've spoken with political leaders from the Middle East, Europe, Asia, the Americas, and I've met with Prime Minister Thatcher, Prime Minister Mulroney, and Nato Secretary-general Wörner. And all agree that Iraq cannot be allowed to benefit from its invasion of Kuwait.

We agree that this is not an American problem or a European problem. It is the world's problem ...

Iraq has massed an enormous war machine on the Saudi border, capable of initiating hostilities with little or no additional preparation. Given the Iraqi government's history of aggression against its own citizens as well as its neighbours, to assume Iraq will not attack again would be unwise and unrealistic. And therefore, after consulting with King Fahd, I sent secretary of defence Dick Cheney to discuss co-operative measures we could take.

Following those meetings, the Saudi government requested our help and I responded to that request ... Let me be clear: the sovereign independence of Saudi Arabia is of vital interest to the United States.

NEW RELEASES

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE YELLOW HOUSE (18): Dostoievsky meets Portuguese surrealism in João César Monteiro's slow, hypnotic oddity, featuring the director as a scraggy, libidinous nonconformist.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

RETURN TO THE BLUE LAGOON (12): Teenage model Milla Jovovich and male hunk Brian Krause discover the joys of adolescence on a Pacific island. Vacuous, predictable sequel to the 1980 Brooke Shields epic.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) *Oxford Street (071-630 0310)* Odeons: Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Kensington (071-602 6644) Plaza (071-437 1234).

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES II: THE SECRET OF THE OOZE (PG): Live-action Turtles fighting evil in New York, *though with less violent frenzy than* before. Action-packed for youngsters: parents may be bored rigid.
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CURRENT

AFTER DARK, MY SWEET (18): Tormented drifter (Jason Patric) wanders into a kidnapping plot. Atmospheric thriller (from a Jim Thompson novel) which survives its flaws; director, James Foley.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Gate (071-727 4043).

ALICE (12): Woody Allen's comic fantasy about a Manhattan wife in crisis. Loose and flimsy, but with a marvellous performance from Mia Farrow.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

♦ BACKDRAFT (15): Overblown fire-fighting epic with awesome flames but paltry characters. Starring Kurt Russell, William Baldwin, Robert De Niro; director, Ron Howard.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Screen on the Green

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

(071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ CINDERELLA (U): Revival of Disney's 1950 cartoon: skilful animation, attractive music, a good sense of character.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG): Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne Wiest, Winona Ryder.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303).

EVERYBODY'S FINE (12): Aged Sicilian (Marcello Mastroianni) seeks out his five children in Italy. Uneven, bitter-sweet drama from *Cinema Paradiso* director Giuseppe Tornatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall study of human depravity in Chicago. Director, John McNaughton.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ *HUDSON HAWK* (15): Cat-burglar Bruce Willis gets drawn into a plan to conquer the world. Profligate, dismal action-comedy with a low IQ. Director, Michael Lehmann.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

♦ *IN BED WITH MADONNA* (18): Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, shot during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

♦ LISTEN UP: THE LIVES OF QUINCY JONES (12): Chaotic, fragmentary portrait of the multi-talented musician, with insights thinly scattered through the hubbub. Director, Ellen Weissbrod.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

♦ THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; directed by David Zucker.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ ROCK-A-DOODLE (U): Elvis-voiced rooster finds success and trouble as a rock 'n' roll star. Inventive but frantic cartoon; director, Don Bluth.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ THE ROCKETEER (PG): Hollywood Nazi agents covet miniaturised rocket. Endearing family romp with amusing period detail. Starring Bill Campbell, Jennifer Connelly, Timothy Dalton. Director, Joe Johnston.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18): Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from director Jonathan Demme.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ THELMA & LOUISE (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
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◩ *ANGELS STILL FALLING*: Atmospheric trip through the life of Jack Kerouac, poet and world-class drunk. Good acting, set and jazz.
Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm.

◩ THE CARETAKER: Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

◩ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ COMEDY OF ERRORS: Desmond Barrit plays both twins in high-spirited production, part Disney-part Dali.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.30pm. 150mins.

◩ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ DICKENS' WOMEN: Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats *4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins.*

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ THE LADY FROM THE SEA: Kathryn Pogson intense and persuasive in Ibsen's drama of a woman's right to choose her own man.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

■ MACBETH: Peter Woodward and Nichola McAuliffe in sturdy production.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Today, 8pm. 150mins.

☐ *THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE*: Updated version of the kill-the-president thriller. Decent acting, clonky writing.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Today, 7.45pm, tomorrow, 4pm and 7.45pm. Final performances.

◩ NAPOLI MILIONARIA: Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow 2.15pm. 175mins.

☐ NUTMEG AND GINGER: Gentle Julian Slade musical from a Jacobean comedy about a star-struck apprentice.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ THE ROSE TATTOO: Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful *celebration of sex.*
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ 70, GIRLS, 70: Irresistible Dora *Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.*
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward *collection of one-liners, centred on Helen* Atkinson-Wood as a tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE *NEXT GENERATION: Cult stage version* of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

■ *TROILUS AND CRESSIDA*: Top-quality production by Sam Mendes of the bard's caustic vision of love and war.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 210mins.

☐ *WHITE CHAMELEON*: Christopher Hampton growing up in Suez: only moderately compelling.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. 130mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ◩ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ◩ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ *The Mousetrap*: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ◩ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Women in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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WEEKEND EVENTS

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: The jamboree does not officially start until tomorrow but tonight there is the opportunity to see the final preview of the (official) opening event, the modern Japanese play *Tango at the End of Winter* by Kunio Shimizu, directed by Yukio Ninagawa at the King's Theatre (7.30pm). Tomorrow 350 members of the Kirov Opera of Leningrad take over the Playhouse with *Khovanshchina*, Mussorgsky's historical opera conducted by Valery Gergiev (7pm). Then in Sunday's gala opening at the Usher Hall, Sir Yehudi Menuhin directs the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in a programme of Mozart (8pm).
King's Theatre, Leven Street/ Playhouse, Greenside Place/ Usher *Hall, Lothian Road*, Edinburgh (festival box office 031-225 5756).

BBC PROMS: One of the attractions of tonight's concert is the British premiere of *Kinetics* by Magnus Lindberg, the young Finnish composer. *In the first of* two programmes by the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jukka-Pekka Saraste; tomorrow they play Sibelius's *Lemminkäinen Suite* and works by Debussy and Rachmaninov (8.30pm) are chosen to open the festival.
Barbican Cinema, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891).

Sunday sees a mixture of 18th and 20th century music from Jane Glover's *London Mozart Players* with the BBC Singers.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), all 7.30pm.

CLAUDIO DESDERI: The distinguished Italian baritone has been working with young Italian singers and orchestral players on the interpretation of three of Mozart's operas written with Lorenzo da Ponte. The Orchestra and Chorus of the Camerata Musicale Fiesolana are based near Florence, and at the Snape Proms perform semi-staged versions of *Così fan tutte* (tonight) and *Don Giovanni* (Sunday) in Italian.
Snape Concert Hall, High Street, Aldeburgh (0800 585769), both 7.30pm.

A TRIBUTE TO GERARD *DEPARDIEU: From today, the colossus* of French cinema will be filling the Barbican screens until August 29 in this retrospective of 25 of his films (which represents a third of the total). *The Last Woman* (6.15pm) and *Green Card*

COURTNEY PINE: The dazzling British saxophonist is renowned for his diversity of performance, from reggae and funk to blues and jazz. On this four-stop tour he lines up with three leading American jazz musicians: Geri Allen, the young pianist and composer; Charnett Moffett, a bassist already acclaimed at 23; and Marvin "Smitty" Smith, drummer, composer and arranger. The other three dates are London (Town and Country, tomorrow), Manchester (Palace, Sun) and Glasgow (Pavilion, Mon).
Birmingham Town Hall, Victoria Square (021-236 2392), 8pm.

NANA VASCONCELOS: Brazilian world music/jazz percussionist evokes the sounds of his native jungle with synthesizers, pieces of wood, hand claps *and berimbau scrapes, in a theatrically* staged solo show entitled *Heart/Beat*. Despite the formal venue, an intimate show, with audience involvement.
Purcell Room South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm, tonight, tomorrow.

Casualties of casual crime

TELEVISION

Violent Lives
Channel 4

A COUPLE of weeks ago, in the first part of Simon Heaven's *Violent Lives* series, we met an armed robber who, in turn, introduced us to an unnamed friend. The friend looked personable enough, so Heaven — taking a polite interest — asked him what offences he had committed. The friend thought about it. "Oh, a few muggings," he said, airily. "And an attempted murder." He was so offhand about it, he might have been admitting to a spot of pilfering: "Oh, a few Mars Bars, and a carton of fags."

I don't know whether the effect was intentional, but at such a matter-of-fact mention of "muggings", a chill vision of his traumatised victims automatically sprang up behind him — nervous, damaged people holding bandages to their heads, and skittering like colts at any sudden movement. Evidently this man never casts a glance over his shoulder to regard these phantoms, but they are certainly there. After all, the first rule of violence is that somebody always gets hurt. And the second rule is that they don't get over it in a hurry.

Last night, in the third film of the series, Heaven turned his attention to victims. His method was rather slapdash — with no statistics; no accounting for how we suddenly found ourselves passengers in a Nottinghamshire police patrol car; no explanation of how his various interviewees had been selected. But, as with the previous two programmes, the chaos was oddly productive. There was just enough coherent argument to make you reconsider your own assumptions. For example: why do we assume that the trauma of violence is more terrible for an old age pensioner than for a young man?

Innocent victim of violence: Marcus, who now has a steel plate in his head after being attacked at a disco

Several of Heaven's victim-sample were young men, and each of them was having a genuinely tough time recovering from the shock to his system. A Londoner called Marcus — a likeable and deeply inoffensive bloke — had been beaten up by rampaging strangers at a disco. The attack was so ferocious that he was now walking around with a steel plate in his head. A fresh-faced bus driver called Gary had been assaulted by a passenger, jabbed in the eye with the point of an umbrella.

What all Heaven's interviewees said, in one way or another, was that the lasting damage was to their trust. You could see why. In the course of everyday life, the assumption that you can walk to the shops without being assaulted is so fundamental that it is completely unconscious. Operating without it, then, would be like doubting the laws of gravity — having once been flung 40 feet into the air, you would step out pretty gingerly ever afterwards. In fact, you would be forgiven for staying indoors with lead weights strapped to your ankles.

Perhaps the most distressing revelation of Heaven's film was that being a victim of violence elicits surprisingly little sympathy from family and friends. Special victim support schemes are springing up to fill the gap, they leave. Keen to distance themselves from violence (especially when it has struck so close to home), people look for reasons why the victim somehow marked himself out for it. They tut-tut to Marcus, "You shouldn't have gone to the disco." It makes them feel safer, but it makes Marcus hopping mad.

Worst of all, though, was the wife of bus driver Gary, who sat beside him on the connubial sofa and moaned that since the umbrella attack he "was not the man she married". Rather alarmingly, I found myself wanting to hit her.

LYNNE TRUSS

DANCE

Dance Workshop Europe
The Place

THERE is nothing like bravado for getting results in the theatre. The concept of Dance Workshop Europe was *no less than to bring together* companies from four different cities, quickly create four new works, and present the resulting show in each of their home bases: Munich, Paris, Frankfurt and London. Against all odds, it worked, ending its tour with packed and cheering audiences at The Place.

The choreographers were chosen as having qualities in common: the most obvious of them a liking for swift, explosive and reckless movement. To give the programme a theme, they were asked to think about any aspect of Mozart, but there is little evidence of this in many of the pieces.

It was a long evening (two-and-a-half hours, with only one interval) and the two middle works, by Micha Purucker and William Petit for their groups from Munich and Paris, got by on craftsmanship rather than inspiration. But the programme began and ended much more strongly.

For the British choreographer Mark Murphy, this was the debut of his company VTOL. His early interests in sport and visual art have led to a non-narrative but emotionally charged style, fiercely acrobatic at times (possibly influenced by Lloyd Newson and Eduoard Lock) but strikingly assured in its cool presentation. The piece took a strong impetus from the percussion score, powerfully composed and performed (with pre-recorded passages reinforcing the live action) by Nic Murcott.

The Frankfurt group S.O.A.P was the only one clearly and continuously influenced by the Mozart theme. *Wolfgang, Bitte* by Rui Horta was mostly to extracts from the composer's Requiem and *The Magic Flute*, supplemented by sounds of applause and an almost subliminal record player.

Horta showed the widest, most imaginative range of movement, including a fascinating duet near the beginning for two men (funny *but* menacing). His exposition offered many unexpected developments, performed by a cohesive team.

In spite of the programme's limited preparation time and itinerant presentation, the lighting all evening was some of the best, most helpful, exact and varied I have seen for a long time: credit to H.P. Boden and Christian Petzuch.

Whether the organisers will have the energy or resources to follow this venture with others which develop its ideas remains to be seen. However, even as a one-off activity, it was a heartening achievement.

JOHN PERCIVAL

PROMS

BBC SSO/Maksymiuk
BBC Singers/Joly
Albert Hall/Radio 3

HAVING all the Proms in the Albert Hall, rather than hiving some off to other venues as used to happen in the Seventies and Eighties, has its advantages. The audience is increased: no doubt more people stayed on for the BBC Singers' late-evening performance on Wednesday than would have made the trek elsewhere. Also, the concerts' common place is an affirmation of their catholicity, and therefore of something worth defending in an age of specialisation. No *other festival these days could offer, as* the Proms have done just this week, Victorian oratorio, period Mozart, orchestral standards and new music on successive nights.

The down side, of course, is that the Albert Hall is not so generously accommodating in its acoustic — maybe Radio 3 listeners have been getting the better deal. Xenakis's *Shaar*, with which Jerzy Maksymiuk and the BBC Scottish Symphony began their second concert, had looked on paper a monumental architecture in rough-hewn blocks of string texture, the newest (though dating back to 1982) of his several demonstrations that orchestral strings can make a hot, seething mob. But in this hall the heavy unisons, the outbursts of mechanical tickings and the swarms of glissandos all evaporated into space, and only the wonderful final sonority began to reach out with some power: it was a bit like overhearing somebody vociferously holding forth at the other end of a Tube platform.

The concert continued rather dimly with Dvořák's Violin Concerto. Tasmin Little was eager and graceful enough, a couple of intonation problems aside, but one understood only too well why the piece has fallen into neglect. However, Stravinsky's *Petrushka* at the end brought a sharp lift *to the spirits. Only the three or four* knottiest twists of cross-rhythm failed to come across clearly — as much the fault of the hall as of the performers. Otherwise this was a beautifully articulated account. The placing of events in the opening section aptly outlined how it is one large piece of clockwork, with musical cogwheels circling at different rates, and time after time, right through the performance, the ear was ravished by a sudden new sound. The work has become something of an orchestral showpiece, but Maksymiuk and his players were showing us the music rather than themselves: it was an excellent achievement.

BBC pride was then burnished again by the performance of its professional choir, the BBC Singers, in Steve Reich's *The Desert Music* and a new piece by David Sawer, *Songs of Love and War*. The former was given in the composer's cut-down version, with a chamber orchestra of flutes, strings and percussion, which might have seemed a perverse choice for this mammoth volume of air were it not that the smaller arrangement increased the clarity, decreased the rhetoric and brought the piece more fully into Reich's world of musicians devoting themselves to tasks rather than parading statements about the human condition. It made the music *more exact, unless that was just the* effect of a spotlessly prepared and executed performance by Capricorn under Simon Joly.

THE new Sawer piece, too, was beautifully in place. Sawer explains his title as a response to Monteverdi's *Madrigali guerrieri ed amorosi*: instead of using metaphors from warfare to sing about love, he chose the language of love to write about war. Or so he says. The effect was something different, and certainly not less interesting or poignant. Sawer found his love lyrics in second world war songs, which might be judged a bit of a cheat if the aim had really been to tune Venus's lines to the noises of Mars. But instead the displacement was of banal, blunted, but still touching lines — many inescapably redolent of Dame Vera Lynn — being carried over into a highly sophisticated musical environment.

Rather as in John Adams's opera *Nixon in China*, the homely, well-worn vocabulary of popular song seems at once pitifully limited and yet also cherishable. And if the predominant feeling here is one of separation, it is not so much the separation of soldier from sweetheart that is at issue as our separation from an adequate language of the heart. Sawer writes of this with great delicacy. His piece begins and ends magically with the light sounds of bells, harps and wordless voices; the choral harmony is exquisitely conceived; and there are points of radiant word-painting, notably on the line "With moonlight and memories". Coming so soon after his chamber opera *The Panic*, the piece confirms the haunting and emotionally daring quality of Sawer's music.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

EURYALE
(c) One of the three Gorgons, daughters of Phorcys and Ceto, whose names were Stheno, Euryale and Medusa, all immortal except *Medusa. Their hair was snakes, their hands* were brass, and their eyes were stone-makers.

AGLAEA
(a) One of the three Graces or Charites, daughters of Venus by Jupiter (or Bacchus). The other two were Thalia and Euphrosune. They were constant attendants on Venus, young, beautiful, and modest virgins, holding hands.

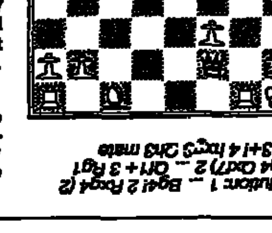
EPHORUS
(b) Of Cyme, a Greek historian of the 4th century BC, he wrote a history of the cities of Greece and Asia Minor in 30 books, no longer extant, but repeated in the histories of Strabo and Diodorus.

CALLIOPE
(a) A Muse, daughter of Jupiter and Mnemosyne, who presided over eloquence and heroic poetry. She is said to be the mother of Orpheus by Apollo, and Horace supposes her to be able to play any musical instrument.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is from the game Pirrot — Hertneck, France 1989. Black seems to be under pressure, but found a brilliant combination to turn the tables. Can you see what he played?



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LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 (cc no bkg fee 071 836 3464) "Mesmerising audacity" C.L. THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE starring Sian Phillips, Connie Booth "An excellent show" Ranjit Bolt Gdn. "Packs a punch" S.Exp FINAL PERFS TOMORROW Eves 7.45pm Sat mat 4.00pm STUDIO: ROSTAM & ESFANDIAR (in Persian) Eves 8pm. Mats Sat & Sun 4.30pm (final perfs)

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252: Grps 071 620 0741; 24 hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977 OLIVIER Ton't 7.15 Tomor 2.00 & 7.15 THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI by Brecht LYTTELTON Ton't 7.30 Tomor 2.15 & 7.30 NAPOLI MILIONARIA by de Filippo CELEBRITEA at 3.30pm. Saeed Jaffrey. Tkts £5.50, inc. tea. COTTESLOE Ton't 7.30 Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 WHITE CHAMELEON by Hampton

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OLD VIC 071 928 7616 or 071 793 0600 (agency no fee) cc (all with bkg fee) 071 793 1000/379 4444/497 9977 Eves 7.45 Wed & Sat Mats 3 pm NOW BOOKING INTO 1992 Phones open until 9pm OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II's CARMEN JONES Music by Bizet Directed by Simon Callow "OUTCLASSES EVERY OTHER MUSICAL IN TOWN" Times SOME SEATS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK Air-Conditioned Theatre

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PLAYHOUSE BO & cc 071-839 4401 cc First Call 24hr 071 379 9463 (no bkg fee) PETER HALL COMPANY JULIE WALTERS in "The performance of the year" LBC TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THE ROSE TATTOO LAST THREE WEEKS Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat at 3 FIONA SHAW in The Abbey Theatre Dublin production HEDDA GABLER Dir by DEBORAH WARNER Previews from 28 Aug IN GROUP PLAYHOUSE

PRINCE OF WALES BO 071 839 5972 CC 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 793 1000 Grps 930 6123 ASPECTS OF LOVE "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D.Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 1992

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 First call (24hrs,7 day cc No bkg fee) 836 3464 cc (No bkg fee) 379 4444/793 1000 Grps 071 930 6123/240 7941 MIKE BATT'S THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK THE MUSICAL Prevs from 5 Oct opens 24 Oct

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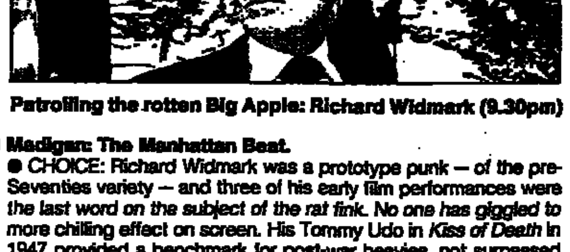
6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Around the World with Willy Fog. Rigadon and Tico join a circus when they reach Yokohama (r) **9.35 Knowhow.** Beverley Wood, Mark Salter and *Sophie Aldred* visit the *Museum of the Moving Image*, and discover how acid gets into rain (r)
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 Lassie.** Animated adventures
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 Our House.** American family drama series **11.55 *The History Man.*** Brian McNerney visits Warkworth Castle — the Northumberland home of the Percy family
12.00 News, regional news and weather **12.05 The Garden Party.** Midge Ure discusses his first solo album for three years, Rolf Harris sketches and David Scheal reviews the week's news **12.55 Regional News** and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax)
1.50 Film: Khartoum (1966). Spectacular, sprawling historical epic about the British commander Sir Charles "Chinese" Gordon, who held out against the famous 1885 siege of Khartoum by the Mahdi until the city finally fell. Starring Laurence Olivier, Charlton Heston and Ralph Richardson. Directed by Basil Dearden. (Ceefax)
3.55 Betty Boop Triple Bill 4.10 *Smoggies.* *Cartoon (r)* ***4.35 Tricky Business.*** Episode two of the eight-part magical comedy series for children (r)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove. Episode six of the 20-part children's drama set in a northeast youth centre (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours. (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. The guests are actress Jane Seymour, former Aston Villa footballer David Platt and, launching the first women's international polo tournament, Major Ronald Ferguson and Lesley Player. Music is provided by Steve Elson and Julia Fordham
7.40 Little and Large. Tonight the comic pair's guest is actress Carmen Silvera, star of *'Allo 'Allo!* (r). (Ceefax)
8.15 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. Magic tricks with the master of illusion. He is joined by adagio act *Barbara and Spencer*, and Buster Merryfield, star of *Only Fools and Horses* (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

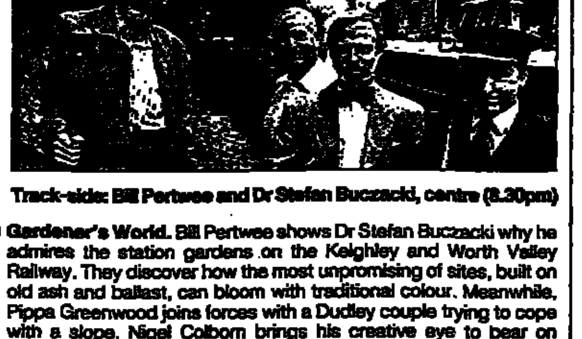


Patrolling the rotten Big Apple: Richard Widmark (9.30pm)

9.30 Madigan: The Manhattan Beat.
● CHOICE: Richard Widmark was a prototype punk — *of the pre-*Seventies variety — and three of his early film performances were *the last word on the subject of the rat fink. No one has giggled to more* chilling effect on screen. His Tommy Udo in *Kiss of Death* in 1947 provided a benchmark for post-war heavies, not surpassed until Lee Marvin appeared in Don Siegel's *The Killers*, some 25 years later. In *Night and the City* (1950), from a Gerald Kersh novel set in the London underworld, Widmark played Harry Fabian, a heel running scared, and gave a fine display of whining, almost palpable fear. His single *finest moment* was in Sam Fuller's *Pickup on South Street* (1953) as Skip McCoy (another great name) pickpocketing on the subway: few have matched his insolent gaze in that. By the time he worked on Siegel's *Madigan* in 1968 — playing a tough cop, a precursor to Eastwood's *Dirty Harry* (also by Siegel) — the *old* fluidity had gone, and he had settled for being inexpressive. *Madigan* spawned this mini-series in the early Seventies, misleadingly being passed off as new by the *Radio Times*
10.20 Omnibus at the Proms: Conductors All. Mark Wigglesworth, winner of the 1989 Kondrashin competition and one of Britain's most talented young conductors, makes his Proms début conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Bela Bartók's *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta.* In addition, Robert Ziegler meets the Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski, who conducts the world premiere of his composition *Chantefleurs et Chantefables*
11.45 Film: Mongo's Back in Town (1971). Dark, atmospheric thriller starring Joe Don Baker as a recently released convict who returns to his home town, hired by his brother to kill a gangland rival. A powerful cast includes Sally Field, Martin Sheen and Telly Savalas. Directed by Marvin J. Chomsky
12.55am Weather. Wales: News headlines and weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Rabbits and Chalk Grasslands. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News
8.15 The Archaeology of the Bible Lands. Magnus Magnusson discovers why there is so little physical evidence of the places mentioned in Exodus (r)
8.45 Writers' Houses. Sir David Attenborough is in Hampshire to explore the appeal of Gilbert White's *A Natural History of Selborne* (r)
9.00 Catchword. Paul Coia hosts the stingless spelling bee (r)
9.30 Three in the Wild. Concluding the story of Toran, the Dartmoor pony (r)
10.00 More From the Musical Mariner. David Fanshawe continues his musical journey around the Pacific (r)
10.50 Cricket. Live coverage of the opening session of the second day's play in the fifth Test between England and West Indies at the Oval. Introduced by Tony Lewis with commentary by Richie Benaud and Jack Bannister
1.05 Delia Smith's One is Fun. Summertime snacks for the single diner (r) **1.20 Fingermouse.** Puppet series for the young (r) **1.35 Weekend Outlook.** A preview of Open University programmes (r)
1.40 Cricket: England v West Indies. Further coverage from the Oval. Includes News at ***2.00, 3.00*** and ***3.50***
6.30 Film: The Diamond Queen (1953). Glossy historical dross about two 17th century adventurers who travel to India in search of a blue diamond to cap the crown of Louis XIV — and have to outwit the Great Mogul who rules his land with a rod of iron. Starring Fernando Lamas, Arlene Dahl and Gilbert Roland. Directed by John Brahm
7.45 What the Papers Say. With Jane Thynne of *The Daily Telegraph*
8.00 East. Magazine programme about Asian affairs



Track-side: Bill Pertwee and Dr Stefan Buczacki, centre (8.30pm)

8.30 Gardener's World. Bill Pertwee shows Dr Stefan Buczacki why he admires the station gardens on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway. They discover how the most unpromising of sites, built on old ash and ballast, can bloom with traditional colour. Meanwhile, Pippa Greenwood joins forces with a Dudley couple trying to cope with a slope, Nigel Colborn brings his creative eye to bear on containers and Geoff Hamilton has jobs for the week from Barnsdale
9.00 Indelible Evidence: Windfall. Ludovic Kennedy introduces a dramatic reconstruction of a real case following the amazing skills of a professor of dentistry who was able to build up a detailed physical description of the man who left an apple at the scene of his crime (r)
9.35 The Tracey Ullman Show. *Tonight Ms Ullman's creations include a potential scriptwriter attempting to sell ideas to a young and* temperamental star, and a sultry singing Southern belle
10.00 Hughesovka and the New Russia: Donetsk.
● CHOICE: A cheeky bit of montage makes it quite clear where the sympathies of Professor Gwyn Williams lie at the conclusion of his trip to the Ukraine mining town founded by Welshman John Hughes. Footage of Hughes's Welsh descendants being well, even royally, entertained by their Ukrainian hosts is intercut with shots of miners at work down the pit in appalling, primitive, conditions. "Where is Professor Williams?" bellows one of the Welsh guests. Gone missing, actually, to ponder his confusion, which is admirable, given the average television pundit's know-it-all air. Williams's commentary is a refreshing mixture of exasperation and bewilderment, and, in moments of high indignation, mild expletives. After a whistle-stop tour of post-war Soviet history, he works himself up over living conditions in the workers' state, conditions which, thanks to the glut of television programmes on the Soviet Union, are now more familiar to us than our own. (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather
11.20 Cricket: England v West Indies. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the second day's play at the Oval
11.50 Film: Darling (1965, b/w). Julie Christie won an Academy Award for her spectacular performance as the swinging sexpot in John Schlesinger's vision of the Sixties jetset. Frederic Raphael's Oscar-winning script wears well, and the story of the ambitious and amoral actress who ends up living the life she desperately despised is still compelling stuff. With Dirk Bogarde, Laurence Harvey, Roland Curram, Alex Scott. (Ceefax). Ends at **1.55am**

ITV

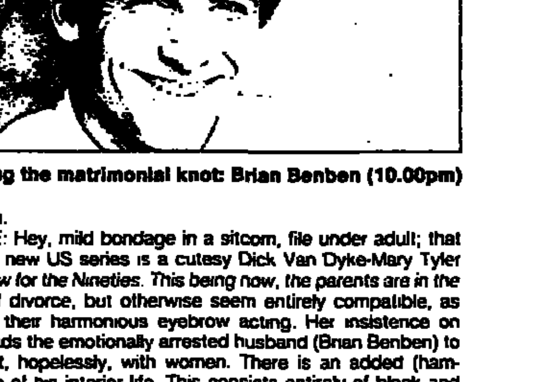
6.00 TV-am
9.25 Vicky the Viking. Animated adventures of a young sea-going man (r) **9.50 Thames News** and weather
9.55 The Haunted School. Episode four of the six-part children's drama set in a remote Australian outback school (r) **10.25 Just for the Record.** Including the world's most boring museum (r) **10.50 News** headlines and weather
10.55 Adventures on Kythera. The final episode of the Australian-made drama serial set on a Greek island **11.25 Ox Tales 11.55 Thames News 12.00 Disney Cartoon** featuring Donald Duck **12.10 Rainbow.** Children's educational fun (r)
12.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Australian drama serial set in and around a rural medical centre
2.20 That's History. Historical quiz game which travels around Britain's stately homes. From Arley Hall, Cheshire, Andy Craig tests the knowledge of *Bread's* Jean Boht and former newsreader Richard Whitmore **2.50 All Clued Up.** Game show for married couples. Presented by David Hamilton
3.15 News and weather **3.20 Thames News** and weather **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Australian drama serial set in a large city hospital
3.55 Johnny Ball Reveals All. Science expert Johnny Ball finds out about muscles (r) **4.15 The Magic Crown.** Animated sword and sorcery series **4.40 Go Getters.** Last in the series where Dave Lee Travis sends three celebrity teams off around the countryside to complete a series of bizarre tasks
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather **5.55 Unemployment Campaign Preview 6.00 LWT News** and weather
6.15 World's Greatest Stunts. More dangerous feats from exotic locations

Curse of the dummy: Paul Shane and Keith Marsh (7.00pm)

7.00 Very Big Very Soon. Daniel Peacock's showbiz comedy series starring Paul Shane as the larger-than-life Harry James, would-be agent to the stars. This week Harry arranges for a ventriloquist (Keith Marsh) to play a local club. Unfortunately his dummy, Little Billy, causes a few unpleasant surprises. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Athletics: Pearl Assurance Invitation. Jim Rosenthal introduces live coverage of athletics from Gateshead. The commentators are Alan Parry, Peter Matthews and Steve Ovett. (Coverage continues *on C4 at 8.55*)
9.00 Rich Tea & Sympathy. Comedy series about a career-minded divorcée (Patricia Hodge), a biscuit factory boss (Denis Quilley) and their growing romance. A crèche, a mole, a football hooligan and a Portuguese waiter all combine to cause problems for George and Julia in the last of the present series. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather **10.35 LWT News** and weather
10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips presents a round-up of current affairs, focusing tonight on the position of the arts in London's economy and asking whether the curtain is about to come down on culture in the capital
11.10 The Game. Danny Baker takes a look at football at grass roots level. The last programme of the series ends with a final. Young Prince "B" play Bechers for the Dick Coppock Cup, the oldest trophy in Sunday morning football
12.10am Beauty and the Beast. Fantasy adventure series about a pretty New York lawyer and her half beast minder
1.10 Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight — The Storm. The story of the king of rock, roll and cheeseburgers continues with Elvis becoming the hottest new sex symbol after success at the Overton Park Shell
1.40 Rescue 911. William Shatner presents a documentary series about the American emergency services
2.35 CinemAttractions. Charlie Tuna presents his review of American box-office hits and latest releases
3.05 Raw Power. Rock videos
4.05 Soap. Self-parody with the outrageous Campbell and Tate families (r)
4.35 Beach Volleyball from San José, California
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Film: The Desert Trail. (1935, b/w). John Wayne wears the white hat once again as he joins forces with Eddy Chandler to capture villain Paul Fix and his gang. Directed by Cullen Lewis
10.30 Broken Silence: Freedom of the Skies. The Spanish documentary series on animals looks at the art of flying (r)
11.00 Testament: Chronicles and Kings. John Romer retraces Abraham's journey to Egypt (r)
12.00 Elements: Stone and Glass. How artists work with the elements
12.30 Business Daily. News from the world's markets
1.00 Sesame Street. Educational fun for pre-school children (r)
2.00 Painted Tales: Picasso — The Artist's Son. George Melly lends his voice to an animated art appraisal (r)
2.15 Easy Does It. Gentle exercises for the over-fifties (r)
2.30 Film: Beyond The Forest. (1949, b/w). Bored, bitchy doctor's wife Bette Davis finds herself in a mess following an affair with a millionaire in this high camp melodrama to end all melodramas. With Joseph Cotten and David Brian. Directed by King Vidor
4.10 Pieton. An old woman recaptures her youth when she visits a zoo
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game with Richard Whiteley
5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic American sitcom starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz Jr
5.30 Greek Fire: Art. A ten-part series focusing on the ways that the Ancient Greeks influenced our lives today (r).
6.00 Kate & Allie. Comedy with the two Greenwich Village apartment-sharing divorcées. Starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin (r)
6.30 Cycling: Kellogg's Tour of Britain. Stages Four A and B — Buxton to Manchester and on to Liverpool — a distance of 119 miles including three steep Peak District climbs
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 First Reaction. Steven Berkoff reviews the National's version of Brecht's *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*, starring Antony Sher
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside melodrama. (Teletext)
8.30 Europe Express. Michael Voppe meets the Romeos of the Greek resort of Lindos; and Isabella Stasi Castriota reports on Iceland's rediscovery of its greatest composer, John Leifs
8.55 International Athletics: The Pearl Assurance Invitation continued from *ITV*



Loosening the matrimonial knot: Brian Benben (10.00pm)

10.00 Dream On.
● CHOICE: Hey, mild bondage in a sitcom, file under adult; that apart, this new US series is a cutesy Dick Van Dyke-Mary Tyler *Moore show for the Nineties. This being now, the parents are in the* process of divorce, but otherwise seem entirely compatible, as shown by their harmonious eyebrow acting. Her insistence on divorce leads the emotionally arrested husband (Brian Benben) to experiment, hopelessly, with women. There is an added (ham-fisted) joke of his interior life. This consists entirely of black and white excerpts from Fifties shows (cut to Ronnie Reagan, ho ho). Perhaps there is a serious point struggling to escape — that the romantic expectations of the baby boomers, now around 40, were formed, not by the Sixties and Cheech and Chong albums as we all thought, but by indiscriminate earlier exposure to Fifties television sitcoms. Film director John Landis did this pilot episode, which — the immaculate eyebrows of the leading actress (Wendie Malick) apart — rates so far as a good lunchtime idea, no more
10.35 Packet of Three. Stand-up entertainment framed in a sitcom set in a comedy and poetry venue. The regulars at the *Crumpsall Palladium* include Jenny Eclair as the ticket girl, Frank Skinner as the caretaker and Henry Normal as the compere. Performance poet Anne Ziety, French strong-arm dance act Raymond and Cyril, and young stand-up comedian Alan Davies are tonight's turns
11.20 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show (r). (Teletext)
11.50 Down Under: Compo (1989). Engaging Australian comedy starring Jeremy Stanford as an over-zealous graduate recruit to the Australian government's Compensation Office (Compo) who becomes a liability to the motley crew who work there. With Bruce Kerr, Christopher Barry and Elizabeth Crockett. Directed by Nigel Buesst
1.25am Sid Caesar's Show of Shows (b/w). Classic comedy sketches from the archives of American prime-time television. Ends at **1.50**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Heidi 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 Motocross 11.40 Married...With Children 12.10 Quarterback Princess 1.55 Out of Limits 2.05 Video View 2.35 Word of Mouth 3.05 Friday the 13th 4.00 Beach Volleyball 5.00-5.30 Inter Bangi

BORDER
As London except: 6.00pm Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Coach 11.10 NB Festival Cinema 11.40 In the Heat of the Night 12.35 Stephen King's World of Horror 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.30 Night Beat 3.30-5.30 Film: The Man With Bogart's Face

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Katts and Dog 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Sins 12.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H.1.10 Film: Circus of Horrors 2.50 The Hit Man and Her 4.50-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Katts and Dog 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 This England 11.10 Film: The Black Windmill 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.30 Night Beat 3.30-5.30 Film: The Man With Bogart's Face

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Let's Go 10.40 A Joy to Drive 11.10 Short Story Theatre: That's My Name — Don't Wear It Out 11.40-12.10 Music Special

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Trailblazers 10.40-11.40 City Fathers

TSW
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens For All 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.40 Film: Eye Witness 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.30 Night Beat 3.30-5.30 Film: The Man With Bogart's Face (Robert Sacchi, Franco Nero, Olivia Hussey)

TVS
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Countryside Close 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening! 10.40 This Way Out 11.10 International Yacht Racing 11.20 Film: 11 Harrowhouse (Charles Grodin, James Mason, Trevor Howard) 1.05 Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight 1.35 Elvis Presley: One Night With You 2.35 The Munsters Today 3.05 Raw Power 4.05 The Twilight Zone 4.30-5.30 The Chennon & Ball Video Show

TYNE TEES
As London except: 6.00pm Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Katts and Dog 10.40 D.I.Y. TV 11.40 Police Story 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.30 Night Beat 3.30-5.30 Film: The Man With Bogart's Face

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Daytime Green 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 A-Levels: What Next? 10.40 Kenny Ball 11.40 Film: Secret Witness 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.30 Night Beat 3.30-5.30 Film: The Man With Bogart's Face

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 Graham Kerr 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Stars & Gardens 10.40 Film: The Deadly Triangle 12.05 Tour of Duty 1.05 Married...With Children 1.30 Stand Up 2.00 Bhangra Beat 2.30 Zara Dhyan De 2.35 Film: Din Dahade 5.10-5.30 Out of Limits

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Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru Bro Delyn 1991 10.00 Y Smyrffs 10.25 OD — The Master Game 10.55 Film: Babes in Arms* 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Pursuit of Power 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 The Literary Island 2.30 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru Bro Delyn 1991 4.00 Mary O Steddfod 4.30 Laurel and Hardy 4.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.35 Now You're Talking 7.00 Dinas 7.30 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru Bro Delyn 1991 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 C'mon Midffild 9.40 Y Pethe O Fro Delyn 10.45 Swig O Fama' 11.15 Cycling: The Kellogg's Tour of Britain 11.45 Dream On 12.20 Packet of Three 1.05 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show 1.35 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 1.30pm Bosco 2.00 Joe 90 2.25 Potsworth & Co 2.50 News followed by Kitchen Garden 3.10 The Heritage of the Guildenburgs 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Forsyte Saga 5.20 Out of Limits 5.30 The Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Charley Chase 6.40 Forever Green 7.35 Major Dad 8.00 Clive James Postcards 9.00 News 9.20 Film: Gold 11.30 News 11.35 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.00pm The Kerrygold Dublin Horse Show 6.05 Get Smart 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Honeymooners 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Sportsworld 9.00 Roseanne 9.30 News followed by Scuab Thoral 10.00 The Kerrygold Dublin Horse Show 10.45 US PGA Golf 12.45 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Growing Pains 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 11.00 Film: Terror Among Us (1981) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Getaway 3.30 Our World: Ark on the Move 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Holiday Destinations 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Not Just Another Affair (1982): A young woman tries to make her perfect man treat her as more than just another conquest. Starring Victoria Principal
12.00 License to Drive (1988): A teenage boy fails his driving test and borrows his father's vintage car to go on a dream date
2.00pm The Birch Interval (1976). A girl goes to live with Amish relatives
4.00 Invasion Earth: *The Aliens Are Here!* (1988): Aliens try to conquer the Earth by showing monster movies. Starring Janice Fabian
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Ghostbusters 2 (1989): Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd return to haunt the haunters
8.00 Hiding Out (1988): A bonds trader falls foul of the Mafia and seeks refuge in high school. Starring Jon Cryer
9.40 US Top Ten
10.00 Heathers (1989): Black comedy about two teenage rebels who plot to bring down their high school's ruling student clique
11.45 Porky's 2: The Next Day (1983): High school antics land a group of boys in trouble with the Ku Klux Klan. Starring Dan Monahan
1.25am Collision Course (1987): A Japanese cop and his Detroit counterpart team up to investigate a series of murders involving the Detroit car industry
3.05 Cookie (1989): Comedy about a gangster (Peter Falk), whose daughter (Emily Lloyd) is smarter than he is when it comes to crime
4.35 Crazy Mama (1975): A woman takes to the open road on a crime spree. Starring Cloris Leachman. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am On the Double (1961): Comedy starring Danny Kaye as a man who bears a striking resemblance to a second world war English general
8.15 Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of the Spruce Goose: Cartoon adventure
10.15 The Naked Prey (1966): A hunter becomes the prey when he is captured on safari by an African tribe
12.10pm Major Dundee (1965): Western starring Charlton Heston as a cavalry officer leading a bunch of soldiers against marauding Indians
2.15 Along Came Jones (1945, b/w): Two cowboys revel in being mistaken for killers
4.15 Banana Splits in Hocus Pocus Park: Children's adventure
5.20 Lawrence of Arabia (1962): David Lean's spectacular epic tells, in flashback, the story of the enigmatic British first world war officer. Starring Peter O'Toole
8.55 Little Nikita (1988): An American teenager discovers that his parents are Soviet agents. Starring River Phoenix
10.30 Sisters (1989): Comedy about a young man who is shunned by his girlfriend and becomes romantically involved with her two elder sisters. Starring Patrick Dempsey
12.10am American Gothic (1987): Three couples land on an unknown island inhabited by a murderous family
1.40 The Missouri Breaks (1976): *Marlon Brando and Jack Nicholson star in a black* comedy Western about a killer who is hired to track down rustlers
3.45 For Better or Worse (1989): A couple marries without knowing what the other does for a living. Ends at 5.15

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 10.00am NFL Countdown 12.00 US PGA Golf Championships 2.00pm German Rally Cars 3.00 ATP Tennis Magazine 4.00 Fishing the West 4.30 Motor World 5.00 Rodeo 6.00 US PGA Golf Championships 11.00 Test Match Cricket: England v West Indies. Second day, fifth Test 1.00am US PGA Golf Championships

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite. 1.00pm Football: Bruges v Anderlecht 3.00 Golf: British Masters 5.00 Rowing from Luzern 6.00 Volleyball Beach 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Mountain Bike World Cup 7.30 Athletics: Highlights of the Week 9.00 Live Boxing: Benichou v Bottiglieri 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite. 7.00am Olympic Report '92 7.15 Spain Sport 7.30 British Open Rally Championships 8.00 Enduro World Championships 8.30 US Pro Box 10.00 Karate 11.00 Tennis 1.00pm US PGA Golf Tour 2.00 American Football 3.00 International Kick-Boxing 4.00 All Japan Sports Prototype Championship 5.00 Battle of Monster Trucks 6.00 Gillette World Sport Special 6.30 Gol 7.30 US PGA Golf Tour 11.30 US Pro Box 1.00am Tennis 3.00 Fight Night at the Forum 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 Sport de France

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite. 10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Simply Marvellous 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Star Time 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 The Tom Ewell Show 3.10 Night in Tunisia 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 The Mothers-in-Law 4.40 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite. Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): Modern Art — Vorticism
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (Suite, The Wasps)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Vivaldi (Concerto in F, RV 455); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody); *Malcolm Arnold (Symphony No 2)*
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn (Scherzo, Octet, orch the composer; String Symphony No 10 in B minor; Frühlingslied, Op 8 No 6; Andres Malenfied; Octet in E flat, Op 20)
9.35 Morning Sequence (FM only from 10.55): Vaughan Williams (Five Variants on Dives and Lazarus); Delius (An Arabesque); Walond (Voluntary No 5 in G); Wikmanson (String Quartet in E minor, Op 1 No 2); Bach (Cello Suite No 1 in G, BWV 1007); Stanford (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor, Op 126)
10.55-6.30pm Test Match Special (MW only): England v West Indies. Second day of the fifth Test at the Oval. **1.05pm** News. **1.10** Call the Commentators. **1.30** County Scoreboard. **1.40-6.30** Commentary
11.40 Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra (FM only) under Ton Koopman performs Telemann (Concerto in D for three trumpets, timpani and strings); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G, BWV 1048); Handel (Concerto grosso in F, Op 6 No 2; The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba); Farina (Capriccio stravagante); Bach (Suite No 3 in D, BWV 1068) (r)
1.00pm News (FM only)
1.05 Mozart Summer (FM only): First of two recitals by the pianist Allan Schiller. Sonata in A minor, K 310; Minuet in D, K 355; Rondo in D, K 485; Sonata in A, K 331
2.00 Opera News (FM only) (r)
2.45 Youth Orchestras of the World (FM only)
● CHOICE: Comparisons are best avoided, but when you listen to these recordings by the acclaimed Baden-Württemberg State Youth Orchestra and the youthful Arcata Chamber Orchestra of Stuttgart, you will find it hard to set aside the memory of last Saturday's Proms triumph by the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. Today's programme: Dvořák's Serenade for strings, Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel, and Ravel's Daphnis et Chloé, Suite No 2
3.55 Russian Airs (FM only): Judith Hall, flute, John Lenehan, piano, perform Beethoven (Variations on a Russian Air, Op 107 No 7); Prokofiev (Flute Sonata in D, Op 94)
4.30 The Organ at Durham Cathedral (FM only): In the first of two programmes, the organist James Lancelot performs Mendelssohn (Sonata in C minor, Op 65 No 2); Karg-Elert (Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele; Lobe den Herren, O meine Seele; O Gott, du frommer Gott, Op 65); Reger (Denkpsalm, Op 145 No 2)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only), with Maurice Lindsay
6.30 Bix's Gift: Second of six programmes. Mel Hill examines the collaboration between the American cornet player Bix Beiderbecke and the saxophonist and arranger Frank Trumbauer
7.00 News
7.05 A Stroll in Vienna: The architect Carl Auböck talks to Judith Bumpus about the political and architectural significance of the Karlskirche (r)
7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra under Jukka-Pekka Saraste, with Karita Mattila, soprano, performs Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale); Magnus Lindberg (Kinetics). **8.05** The Greening of Musical Vision: a talk by *the pianist Stephen* Pruslin. **8.25** Sibelius (Pohjola's Daughter; Hostkvall; Luonnotar); Mahler (Adagio from Symphony No 10)
9.30 Between Ourselves: Cecil Lewis pays homage to his early mentor, Charles Ricketts, drawing on their correspondence and his memories. With Sir John Gielgud as Ricketts and T.P. McKenna as Bernard Shaw (r)
10.30 Schubert (Sonata in A minor, D 784; Sonata in C, D 840: Christian Blackshaw, piano)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Bliss (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.43** Summoned by Bells: Written and read by *John Betjeman (8 of 9) (r)* **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Baroness Trumpington (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00 News; Special Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Dusky Ruth, by A.E. Coppard. Read by Maria Aitken
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Amazon Watershed: In the last of the series, George Monbiot looks at the consequences of the destruction of the world's greatest ecosystem for the rest of the world
11.47 More Wrestling Than Dancing: Behind the Lines. David Moreau recalls a wartime boyhood spent in an eccentric boarding house in Wiltshire
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm The Gardening Quiz: Dr Stefan Buczacki quizzes Glenda Jackson, Rod Hull, Harry Chapman Pincher and Mary O'Hara (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Glasgow
3.00 News; Classic Serial: The Ebb-Tide
● CHOICE: Stripped to the bare bones, R.L. Stevenson's *story is about a man who* plays God on a South Sea island and three godless rogues who plot to steal his store of pearls. But both Stevenson and Robert Parrish, who has made such a splendid job of adapting the story for radio, are too smart to leave it at that. A moral debate keeps breaking out when you least expect it, and it is this that puts the flesh on Tom Fleming's megalomaniac and on Tom Watson's, Dermot Crowley's, and Alfred Molina's "first-class dead-beats" (Stevenson's own, uncharacteristic, words) (s) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Tea Junction: Topical discussion show in which *Patrick Hannan and guests* take a sceptical look at the week's events
4.30 Kaleidoscope listens to the artist Jane Norbury's Têtes Brulées at Canary Wharf; Anthony Sher talks about his role in the National Theatre's production of *The Resistable Rise of Arturo Ui*; and there is a review of a new recording of Schnittke's Cello Conerto (s)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Winston in Love: A Dangerous Critter. Fourth of a six-part drama serial by Peter Tinniswood (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (s)
8.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk chairs an investigation into the moral questions behind the week's news (s)
8.50 Stop Press (new series): Geoffrey Goodman presents a personal account of the week's press and the newspaper business
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Peter Webb visits the film-maker Derek Jarman at home (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking it Over, by Julian Barnes (final part)
11.00 On the Hour: *The news as it* happens, if it happens. A new sort of current affairs programme . . . with a twist of comedy
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton (s)
11.45 Cutler the Lax: The humorist Ivor Cutler delves into the archives (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FM only) 6.00 Gary King 9.00 Bates's Mates: Phil Collins 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow, with Simon Mayo and the Breakfast Crew from Headland Hotel Lawn, North Fistral Beach, Newquay 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies: Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Paul McKenna in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Round Table 7.30 The Essential Selection 10.00 Friday Rock Show 12.00-4.00am Andy Peebles Double Bill (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Brian Hayes 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Mark Wynter 2.00 A House in a Garden: Gloria Hunniford and Alan Titchmarsh visit Lyme Hall, Lyme Park in Disley, Cheshire 4.00 Gyles Brandreth 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Journey into Space: The World in Peril (8 of 20) (r) 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Thomas Kaurich at the piano 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme: The Sidmouth Folk Festival 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News; Sport 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 This Family Business, incl at 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Caribbean Magazine 1.00 News and Sport; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.20 Test Match Special Plus: England v West Indies. Second day of the fifth Test from the Oval 4.35 Five Aside, incl at 7.00 News; Sport 7.20 Monsters and Magic: The Enchanted Shell. The final tale by the poet Jean Kenward 7.35 King Street Junior: Fireworks. Second of an eight-part comedy-drama by Jim Eldridge (r) 8.00 International Athletics: Pearl Assurance Invitation at Gateshead 10.00 News; Sport 11.10 Rave, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridien 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours Live, News Summary *8.30 Birth of a Nation: Lebanon 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15* Music Review 10.00 World News 10.09 World Business Report Live 10.15 Global Concerns 10.30 Seven Seas 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Focus on Faith 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Birth of a Nation: Lebanon 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: Gallowglass (10) 3.45 Queens of Crime 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Birth of a Nation: Lebanon 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Stuart Coleman's Record Hop 11.20 Second City First 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Worldbrief 12.30 Multitrack 3 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weeklies 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Short Story: A New Dress for Rani 2.45 Here's Humph! 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 The Vintage Chart Show: August 1974 4.45 News and Features in German

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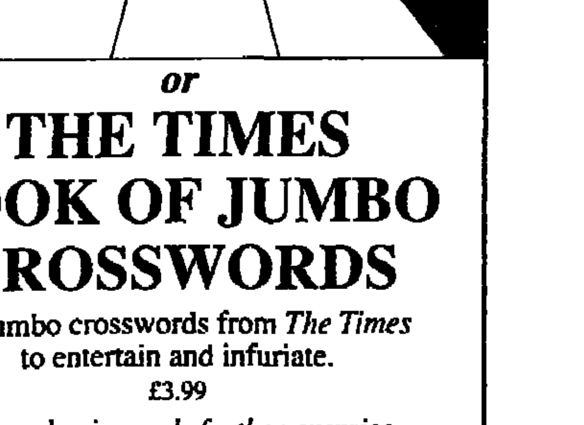

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Field work: David Clarke, left, at work on a large outdoor copy of Leonardo da Vinci's *Vitruvius Man*, on the slopes of the East Man of Winspit, near Worth Matravers in Dorset. The 180 ft "drawing", created from 16 tonnes of Purbeck limestone, will be strictly temporary, lasting only four weeks from its inception at the end of last month to its demolition and clearance by August 25. Mr Clarke, a recent graduate of Glasgow School of Art, says it is a comical piece, designed to ridicule the seriousness of high art.

BBC1 plans new look for Saturday nights

By Melinda Wittstock, Media Correspondent

SATURDAY night viewing on BBC1 is being reshaped this autumn with new drama and rescheduled comedy in an attempt to regain much of the audience lost in the past two years to ITV's popular *Blind Date*, *Beadle's About* and *Stay Lucky* line-up.

BBC1, whose weekly audience this year has at best trailed ITV's by 6 percentage points, has taken advantage of the first tranche of an extra £22 million investment redirected to producing better original drama and entertainment.

The £78 million autumn schedule has dispensed with old Saturday night staples such as *All Creatures Great And Small* and *In Sickness And In Health*. In their place are Clive James' *Saturday Night Clive*, poached from BBC2, and *Birds of a Feather*, the popular series which has been moved from mid-week.

The corporation is hoping that *The House of Eliott*, a new 1920s period drama about fashion designers, combined with the return of *Challenge Anneka* and the *Russ Abbot* show will help it to catch up with ITV on Saturday nights.

On Sunday nights, *Howard's Way* disappears to make way for *Trainer*, a new drama serial about horse racing, and a rescheduled *Keeping Up Appearances*. Screen One's line-up of original drama will include *Hancock*, about the celebrated comedian, and *Filipina Dream Girls*, about five Welshmen seeking the perfect wife in Manila.

Jonathan Powell, BBC1's controller, said: "Major new investment in drama and comedy is enabling us to inject fresh talent, ideas and excitement."

BBC1's autumn schedule, comprising 90 hours of new drama and 20 hours of new comedy, includes *So You Think You've Got Troubles*, starring Warren Mitchell as a Jewish lawyer in Northern Ireland, and the new comedy series *2Point4 Children*, starring Belinda Lang. Popular comedies returning include *On The Up* with Dennis Waterman, *Bread*, *Waiting for God*, *You Rang M'Lord* and *Last of the Summer Wine*.

A £108 million line-up of drama across both channels was unveiled two weeks ago by the BBC, and highlights on BBC1 include John Sessions playing a bungling private detective in *Jute City*, a mystery thriller set in Scotland. Factual programmes include a real-life casualty series when cameras go behind the scenes of a top London hospital for a week in *Hospital Watch*.

Meanwhile, ITV, which recently launched a £165 million autumn schedule, does not believe BBC1's £78 million package will close the gap. Andy Allan, director of programmes at Central Television, said: "The BBC can be a bonny streetfighter but there are few signs they have commissioned the sort of programmes that will narrow the gap with ITV."

'Battered wife' wins right to appeal

By A Staff Reporter

A woman jailed for life for the killing of her "violent" husband was yesterday given permission by the Court of Appeal to appeal against her murder conviction.

Ethel Rossiter, aged 66, claims she was provoked into the killing by her husband's violence towards her during 18 years of marriage.

Rossiter, of Whitstable, Kent, was not in court to hear her counsel, James Wood, tell how she stabbed her husband, Leslie, with a steak knife "in a frenzied attack".

Just before she killed him, he tried to strangle her with a knotted tea towel, Mr Wood said.

Mr Rossiter, aged 64, died from two wounds to his heart and had 23 other wounds. At her trial Rossiter denied murder, claiming the killing was an accident. Granting her leave to appeal against her conviction, Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Pill, said Rossiter's case that she should have been found guilty of manslaughter was arguable.

Mapping out an A-Z of sights for sore eyes

HARASSED, hassled and often hated, the tourist bus operators of London are under no illusions about the quality of service they are providing for foreign visitors hoping to see something of the capital city.

With police ready to order them to move on smartly if they dawdle to allow their customers to take pictures, council officials telling them to remove signs showing where the buses depart from, Buckingham Palace placed out of bounds in case one of their passengers decides to lob a bomb over the wall and motorists fuming at them for holding up the traffic, it is perhaps little wonder that the job of driving of an open-topped London sightseeing bus is not one of the most popular occupations.

With the recession taking a chunk out of their earnings, however, they are trying to find new ways of increasing business, including dropping off passengers at the main attractions on a "hop-on, hop-off" basis.

"We don't kid ourselves that we are the best tour in the world" said Paul Newton, general manager of Cityrama. "We are a budget tour and considering the problems we encounter from the police and local councils I reckon we do as good a job as possible."

Nobody who pays £8 for an hour and a half whizz around Westminster and parts of the City is going to learn much that will uplift or fascinate him from the recitation of street names and apparently randomly chosen pieces of information pumped out at high speed from the plastic earphones. There simply isn't time, for example, to give more than a minute's cursory description of any given sight before the bus has moved on to the next.

At the flick of a switch on a console, eight languages come tumbling out of the headphones for the benefit of the multinational tourists London is so desperately keen to attract. The driver controls the short bursts of information given, in all but Spanish, by high-voiced women announcers, from a button in his cab. This triggers the tape machine perched on a seat on the bottom deck and on a day which is comparatively clear of traffic it is in almost constant use. Given a traffic jam, it can remain frustratingly silent for long periods.

Some buses have live English-speaking guides who do manage to scratch the surface of the city and bring a little humanity to what is otherwise little more than the reading of parts of an A-Z road map.

On the 16-year-old open-topped Cityrama coach I took there were 13 passengers, mainly Japanese and French, all trying desperately to catch every snippet of information including the fact that Mozart wrote his first symphony in Ebury Street, Battersea power station contains eight million bricks and that the Queen is guarded by two regiments of the Household Cavalry — "The Royals and the Blues". The tape has not been updated for months.

In two weeks time London Coaches, which also runs a 30-strong fleet of 35-year-old Routemasters with their roofs cut off, is planning to start the first "hop-on, hop-off" service by stopping their vehicles at London Transport bus stops near strategic tourist attractions.

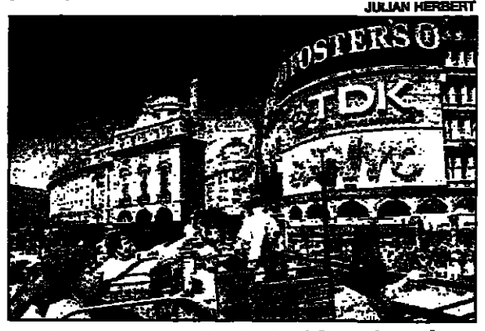
Ian Faris, marketing manager of the Original London Transport Sightseeing service, said: "We have tried everything and believe that, provided it is allowed, a hop-on, hop-off service will be more attractive."

The service, which is provided by 18 separate companies, is in dire need of improvement if they are to recover from what has generally been a terrible year. Passenger carryings are down by at least 35 per cent so far compared with last year.

Meanwhile, back at the Victoria pick-up point, rather more windswept but little wiser about the wonders of London my fellow passengers were reminded that "it is customary to tip your driver for a safe journey". And they did.

Harvey Elliott

JULIAN HERBERT



On tour: visitors taking in the sights and sounds of London during their ride on an open-top bus

Duty calls for carrier captain's new car

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

THE ranks of razor-sharp wings of the Harrier aircraft nestling deep in the bowels of HMS Invincible are only broken by the square shape of one of the navy's most unusual acquisitions — a Range Rover.

The £34,500 car will be the personal transport for Captain John Tolhurst whenever Invincible docks in foreign ports.

The huge four-wheel-drive car, with its leather seats, air conditioning and cruise control, has just been loaded on to Invincible at Portsmouth shortly before the ship sets sail on its latest tour of duty.

Nestling deep amid the lower decks of one of the Royal Navy's three principal aircraft carriers, the car will look out of place alongside the 650 mph Harriers which are the main strike force launched from ship. But Captain Tolhurst believes that when it is winched out on to foreign soil, it will provide both a vehicle which is a suitable "workhorse", capable of covering rough terrain, as well as a car for diplomatic missions.

Land Rover, the manufacturer based in Solihull, Warwickshire, also believes that its car can win a high profile. The Range Rover is on long-term loan from the firm.

The Ministry of Defence was last night unable to recall a similar car loan deal to the captain of one of its ships.

Captain Tolhurst said: "I plan to use the vehicle as a staff car but also for important engagements, especially if I will be accompanying the admiral. In these situations, the role of the vehicle used is ambassadorial in that it is representing both the British forces and British industry."

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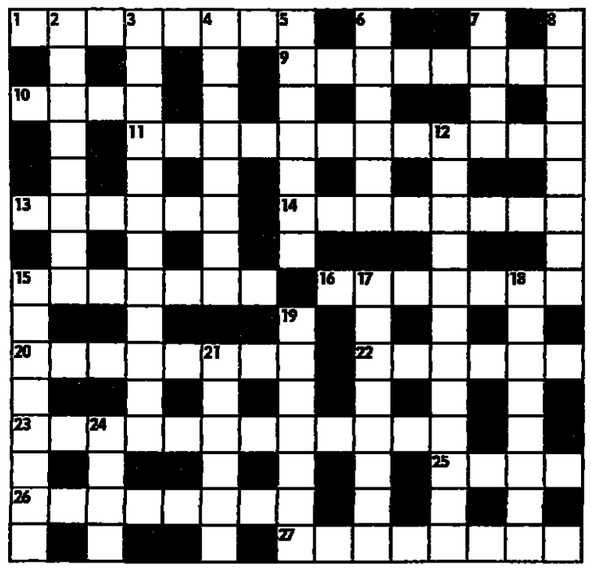


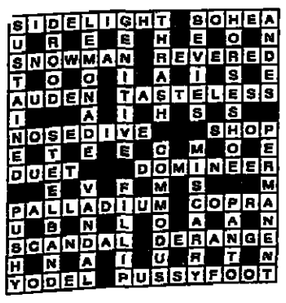
ACROSS

1 Desiring to change to a place affording the best view (8).
9 Carelessly hit the instrument panel (8).
10 A starter for 5: "Who was Tom's school friend?" (4).
11 Be surprisingly helpful putting ruffs on bottom of garment (4,2,6).
13 Beastly man has plenty of time, having got bird (6).
14 Engineers in the middle of special teaching (8).
15 In old part of Asia you'll find many powers (7).
16 Fill the right plate (7).
20 Urge one girl to be extravagant (8).
22 Vampire has had to drop several letters, to vamp (6).
23 One backing the army moves from low place (4-8).
25 Love to shut up what is not shut up (4).
26 Seeing a number in agreement? On the contrary (8).
27 He and I, for instance, produce the weather (8).

DOWN

2 Fighting sloth (8).
3 Become nervous and burp (3,3,4,2).
4 Break in refining process (8).
5 Gentleman in France who is involved in Irish uprising (7).
6 Bird brains always need to admire more dominant characters (6).
7 China may just take the first prize (4).
8 One making music, a real artist (8).
12 In confidence, after treatment you could see her run to seed (5,3,4).
15 Up where the pots go (2,6).
17 Heavy armaments in war heard indistinctly (8).
18 10 Englishmen introduced a right of way (8).
19 Keen, outstanding person turned up and dined (7).
21 Borrow writer and pilot (6).
24 It's suitable to swarm up (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,679



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WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

OLD GREEKS

EURYALE
a. One of the Muses
b. A lost Euripidean heroine
c. A Gorgon

AGLAEA
a. A Grace
b. A Fury
c. A Siren

EPHORUS
a. A mythical Spartan king
b. A historian
c. One of the Hours

CALLIOPE
a. A Muse
b. A wood nymph
c. The inventor of the flute

Answers on page 18, column 1

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WEATHER

Southeast England will be dry, but early sunshine will become hazy. Central, eastern and northeast England will be cloudy but mostly dry. Wales, northwest and southwest England will be cloudy with rain at times. Heavy rain over Scotland and Northern Ireland will ease off. Outlook: cloudy, muggy and drizzly over England and Wales; brighter and fresher over Scotland and Northern Ireland.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
				102 s			
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Madrid	27	81	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Majorca	28	82	f
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Malaga	37	99	s
Algiers	32	90	s	Malta	30	86	s
Amst'dm	18	64	c	Melb'rne	10	50	r
Athens	30	86	s	Miami*	32	90	s
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	31	88	s
Bangkok	30	86	f	Montreal*	25	77	f
Barbados*	31	88	s	Moscow	21	70	c
Barcelona	23	73	c	Munich	29	84	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
Belgrade	29	84	s	Naples	31	88	s
Berlin	23	73	c	N Delhi	33	91	f
Bermuda*	29	84	t	N York*	28	82	s
Biarritz	22	72	f	Nice	28	82	s
Borde'x	22	72	f	Oslo	21	70	c
Brussels	19	66	c	Paris	18	64	c
Budapest	30	86	f	Peking	34	93	s
B Aires*	13	55	f	Perth	15	59	c
Cairo	32	90	s	Prague	30	86	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Reykjavik	14	57	s
Chicago*	21	70	r	Rhodes	27	81	s
Ch'church	18	64	s	Rio de J	22	72	c
Cologne	18	64	r	Rome	30	86	s
Dublin	18	64	c	Salzburg	29	84	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	S Fr'isco*	21	70	s
Faro	25	77	s	Santiago*	6	43	r
Florence	33	91	s	S Paulo*	26	79	c
Frankfurt	25	77	c	Seoul	30	86	s
Funchal	24	75	c	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	22	72	c	St'kholm	22	72	f
Gibraltar	29	84	s	Strasb'rg	25	77	f
Helsinki	24	75	s	Sydney	15	59	s
Hong K	31	88	f	Tangier	25	77	s
Innsbruck	29	84	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Istanbul	30	86	f	Toronto*	24	75	f
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Tunis	34	93	s
Karachi	28	82	c	Valencia	30	86	c
L Palmas	25	77	s	Vanc'ver*	22	72	r
La Toquet	20	68	f	Venice	30	86	s
Lisbon	28	82	s	Vienna	29	84	s
Locarno	28	82	c	Warsaw	32	90	s
London	21	70	f	Wash'ton*	27	81	c
L Angels*	21	70	s	Wel'nton	14	57	c
Luxembg	18	64	r	Zurich	23	73	c
Luxor	39						

* denotes figures are latest available

ROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.1	-	19	66	sunny
Anglesey	11.0	-	18	64	sunny
Belfast	5.8	-	19	66	cloudy
Birmingham	0.7	.08	18	64	cloudy
Blackpool	1.2	-	18	64	bright
Bognor Regis	1.5	.05	18	64	rain
Brighton	0.5	.01	20	68	cloudy
Bristol	0.8	-	20	68	cloudy
Cardiff	0.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Clacton	-	-	20	68	cloudy
Cromer	1.4	-	18	64	cloudy
Douglas	3.2	-	18	64	bright
Eastbourne	2.0	-	20	68	bright
Edinburgh	9.7	-	21	70	sunny
Falmouth	0.6	-	19	66	cloudy
Folkestone	4.7	-	21	70	bright
Glasgow	12.1	-	20	68	sunny
Guernsey	1.2	.03	18	64	cloudy
Hastings	1.8	-	20	68	cloudy
Hunstanton	1.9	-	22	72	cloudy
Jersey	0.7	-	20	68	cloudy
Kinloss	6.6	-	21	70	bright
Leeds	2.3	.01	20	68	cloudy
Lerwick	9.6	-	17	63	bright
London	0.3	.09	20	68	rain
Lowestoft	0.4	.01	19	66	shower
Manchester	0.3	-	19	66	cloudy
Morecambe	4.8	-	19	66	bright
Newquay	3.1	-	18	64	bright
Nottingham	-	.06	16	61	rain
Plymouth	0.4	-	19	66	cloudy
Poole	0.8	-	19	66	cloudy
Sandown	-	.27	19	66	rain
Scilly Isles	4.1	-	18	64	sunny
Southend	0.3	-	20	68	cloudy
St. Ives	3.1	-	18	64	bright
Swanage	0.6	-	19	66	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.4	-	19	66	cloudy
Tenby	4.6	-	19	66	bright
Torquay	1.2	-	20	68	cloudy
Weymouth	0.2	-	19	66	cloudy
Wick	7.9	-	18	64	bright
Worthing	1.6	.01	19	66	cloudy

These are Wednesday's figures

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.285	2.135
Austria Sch	21.65	20.15
Iglum	63.00	59.00
Canada $	2.07	1.92
Denmark Kr	11.86	11.11
Finland Mkk	7.44	6.99
France Fr	10.36	9.71
Germany Dm	3.06	2.86
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	13.90	12.90
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.07
Italy Lire	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	240.50	221.50
Netherlands Gld	3.445	3.225
Norway Kr	12.01	11.21
Portugal Esc	261.75	243.75
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.80
Spain Pta	190.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.17	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.665	2.495
Turkey Lire	8000	7200
USA $	1.905	1.88
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40

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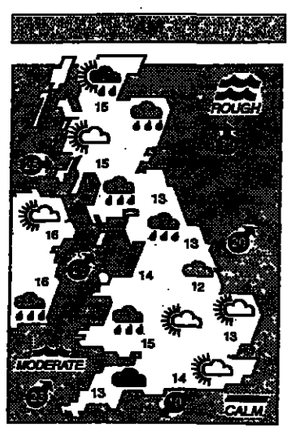
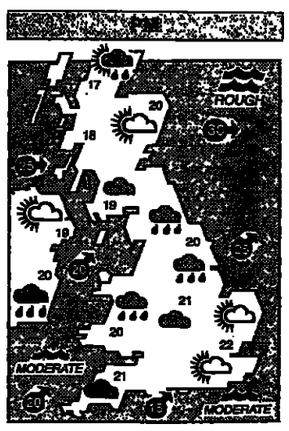
GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 08C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.1 hr.





HIGHEST AND LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 15C (59F); highest rainfall: South Farnborough, Hampshire, 0.55 in; highest sunshine: Glasgow, 12.1 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.7 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.36 pm to 5.37 am
Bristol 8.45 pm to 5.47 am
Edinburgh 9.04 pm to 5.33 am
Manchester 8.51 pm to 5.39 am
Penzance 8.53 pm to 6.03 am

Sun rises: 5.36 am
Sun sets: 8.36 pm
Moon rises 4.34 am
Moon sets 8.5 pm
New moon tomorrow

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.35	6.7	2.4	6.7	Liverpool	11.23	9.1	11.44	9.5
Aberdeen	12.56	4.1	1.38	4.2	Lowestoft	9.7	2.4	10.1	2.4
Avonmouth	7.17	12.5	7.39	13.1	Margate			12.4	4.5
Belfast	11.14	3.3	11.26	3.6	Milford Haven	6.13	6.6	6.34	7.0
Cardiff	7.2	11.8	7.24	12.1	Newquay	5.5	6.6	5.25	7.0
Devonport	6.0	5.0	6.20	5.4	Oban	6.17	3.7	6.23	4.0
Dover	11.12	6.4	11.31	6.5	Penzance	4.59	5.1	5.16	5.5
Falmouth	5.30	4.8	5.5	5.2	Portland	7.12	1.8	7.3	2.3
Glasgow	12.18	4.6	1.14	4.5	Portsmouth	11.35	4.5	11.41	4.6
Harwich	11.57	3.8			Shoreham	11.22	6.1	11.40	6.2
Holyhead	10.27	5.4	10.45	5.7	Southampton	11.2	4.6	11.13	4.5
Hull	6.15	7.0	6.53	7.2	Swansea	6.23	9.0	6.44	9.4
Ilfracombe	6.4	8.7	6.25	9.1	Tees	3.33	5.2	4.7	5.3
King's Lynn	6.22	6.3	7.3	6.5	W'ton-on-Nze	11.48	4.0		
Leith	2.21	5.3	2.55	5.4					

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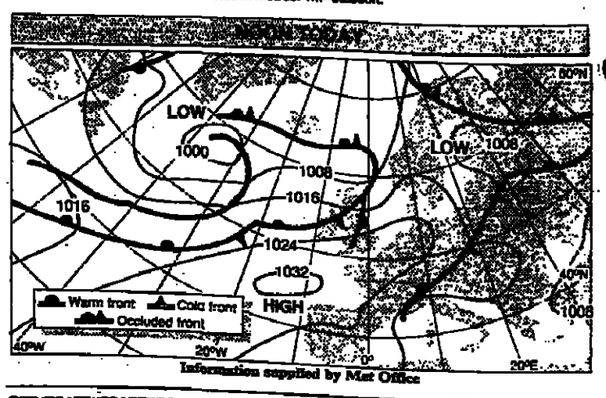

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WEEKEND MONEY TOMORROW

PROFILE

Sir Eric Parker, chief executive of Trafalgar House, is a natural winner. His horse has even won the Grand National. Carol Leonard discovers what lies behind his success in business

LEARNING CURVE

Banks are offering higher interest-free overdrafts to new undergraduates at a time when students face sharply escalating debt. Sara McConnell reports

SUBSIDENCE RISE

Britain's largest buildings insurers are raising premiums after suffering a surge in subsidence claims, Liz Dolan writes

BOC slips

The BOC Group was held in check by adverse currency movements, higher tax and an increased interest charge in the nine months to June 30, and pre-tax profits slipped from £257.9 million to £235.3 million. Turnover was £2.07 billion (£2.11 billion).

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Sotheby's drops

Sotheby's Holdings, the auction house, reports a second quarter net income of $10.8 million ($64.3 million) and a six months to June 30 net income of $5.56 million ($70.3 million). An unchanged quarterly dividend of 15 cents a share is declared.

Sullivan defeated

David Sullivan, the publisher of the *Sunday Sport* and Sport Newspapers, was defeated by a margin of 8.8 million votes in his bid to be elected a director of the Bristol Evening Post.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7035 (–0.0075)
German mark
2.9283 (–0.0009)
Exchange index
90.9 (–0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2024.0 (+9.1)
FT-SE 100
2600.6 (+3.2)
New York Dow Jones
3026.83 (+0.22)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23482.46 (–208.56)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Avon Rubber	274p (+8p)
GKN	360p (+11p)
Photo-Me	175p (+12p)
Wellcome	725½p (+7p)
Sun Alliance	393½p (+9p)
Boosey & Hawkes	685p (+10p)
Compass Group	438½p (+17p)
Zetters Group	122p (+8p)
AIM Group	120p (+10p)
BOC	586p (+11p)
Courtaulds	450p (+6p)
Racal Telecom	335p (+10p)
Beazer	90½p (+10p)
Yorkshire Chem	482½p (+11p)
Cadbury-Schweppes	375p (+7p)
Cambridge Elec	173p (+6p)

FALLS:

Savoy Hotels 'A'	685p (–18p)
Greycoat	207p (–9p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 10 31/32-10⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 10 15/16-10 7/16%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.34-5.32%*
30-year bonds 99 15/32-99 17/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7035	£: $1.6984*
£: DM2.9283	$: DM1.7235*
£: SwFr2.5612	$: SwFr1.5090*
£: FFr9.9468	$: FFr5.8690*
£: Yen232.19	$: Yen136.55*
£: Index90.9	$: Index88.0
ECU £0.700644	SDR £0.787466
£: ECU1.427258	£: SDR1.268896

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $357.00 pm $357.60
close $356.80-357.30 (£209.25-209.75)
New York:
Comex $357.25-357.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug) ..... $19.75 bbl ($19.40)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Ex-bank chief says UK silenced him

Price 'failed to detect makings of BCCI fraud'

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

MASIHUR Rahman, former chief financial officer of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, accused British government and law officials of silencing him earlier this year when he wanted to go public about wrongdoings he discovered in the bank's accounts.

Mr Rahman also charged Price Waterhouse, the accountants, with failure to detect or acknowledge the makings of a trading fraud during audits of BCCI's overseas operations in the mid-Eighties. He described the bank as growing from a $2.5 million enterprise in 1972, when founded by Agha Hasan Abedi, to one of $8 billion within eight years by running a free-floating management structure that lacked control from a head office in Luxembourg.

Mr Rahman, speaking under oath before Congress, said that senior officials at the bank's treasury division lost $11 billion in foreign exchange, commodities and bond trading within three months in 1985, even though the bank had agreed to limit its gross exposure to $1 billion. "If the guidelines had been mentioned, and if Price Waterhouse had been doing their job . . . huge losses would not have occurred," Mr Rahman said.

Rahman: evidence in US

He added that losses had suddenly appeared in the banks books from 1985, with Grand Cayman as the major loss centre. He resigned from BCCI in London after finding "items which horrified me" when he led an internal investigation of the bank's audit affairs.

Mr Rahman also told the hearing that he "needed a vehicle to explain everything", but that "the British government and British judiciary were refusing me this" without explaining why the media could report freely while he was silenced.

Banking regulators in Britain, the United States and the Cayman Islands seized BCCI's operations on July 5, citing widespread fraud. Mr Abedi, the $20 billion bank's founder, has been indicted by a New York state grand jury for grand larceny and defrauding depositors.

Banking regulators and witnesses before Congress have revealed details about money-laundering, alleged association with criminal clients and links to illegal drugs and arms sales.

Mr Rahman testified before a Senate foreign relations subcommittee yesterday in his first public remarks about the BCCI affair since May, when the bank's lawyers tried to obtain a high court injunction to keep him quiet. Although the request was not formally granted, Mr Rahman promised to talk to the Bank of England, American prosecutors and the Federal Reserve only.

Mr Rahman, aged 57, said he decided to leave Britain when he began to fear he could become a target of violence from "any depositor" in BCCI because the British press had labelled him a whistle-blower. His wife and two children left England three months ago after a series of threatening telephone calls and suspicious incidents at their home near Guildford, Surrey.

He said he was not initially scared by the threats, even when a junior BCCI executive, whom he named as Mazher Abbas, directly threatened to kill him if "you open your mouth".

Mr Rahman, who was hired by Mr Abedi in 1974 after overseeing the nationalisation of Pakistan's banks, did not explain why he did not suspect sooner that BCCI's banking operations were unorthodox. He said the bank hired many employees withough prior banking experience during its rapid expansion, and, in 1975, split the original bank into two parts, based in Luxembourg and Grand Cayman.

Depositors closer to compensation

By OUR CITY STAFF

DEPOSITORS with the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International moved closer to financial help from the Abu Dhabi government yesterday, despite a dispute over the emergency aid package not being available outside Britain.

Touche Ross, the provisional liquidators, posted 53,000 compensation claim forms to holders of sterling deposits in Britain. The Abu Dhabi government, which controls 77 per cent of BCCI, has provided £50 million to compensate investors up to a maximum of £5,000 each.

Sources in Abu Dhabi said yesterday that majority shareholders of BCCI were discussing with Luxembourg authorities compensation for non-British depositors. Regulators of Luxembourg based BCCI have said they reserve the right to put the bank into liquidation if a compensation scheme is not extended.

The move in Britain was agreed as a temporary measure to keep the High Court from winding up the bank, whose activities were stopped and assets frozen on July 5. The Abu Dhabi authorities have until December 2 to devise a plan that will satisfy bank regulators and keep BCCI functioning.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 depositors in Gibraltar, about 80 per cent of them expatriate British, have also lost money in the collapse.

In custody: police escort the gunmen away from Nomura's headquarters yesterday

Gunmen hold up Nomura

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

TWO armed right-wing nationalists, known to be connected to the yakuza, Japan's equivalent of the mafia, stormed the headquarters of Nomura Securities yesterday.

The men were apparently nursing grievances at being excluded from the list of clients compensated for stock market losses by Nomura, one of the big four Japanese brokers that have admitted paying compensation.

They demanded to see Nomura's president before pulling out guns, grabbing a hostage and firing a shot into the electronic stock quotation board on the wall.

An hour and 20 minutes later, police persuaded them to release their hostage, Kiyoshi Usami, the general manager of the presidential secretariat. They were arrested on charges of unlawful intrusion and violating the firearms and swords control law. Nobody was hurt in the incident.

The men are members of shokonjuku, an 80-strong gang of klaxon-wielding ultra-rightists, who have recently spent their time making speeches from vans parked outside the headquarters of Nomura, and Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi, the other brokers that are involved in the compensation scandal.

☐ A New York lawyer issued a warning yesterday that legal action launched by American institutions to recover losses incurred in the affair could inflict "severe financial damage" on the big four Japanese brokers (Philip Robinson writes).

James Sitrick, chairman of Coudert Brothers, the law firm advising three American institutions on legal action, said: "The analysis of which laws are applicable in this case continues apace, and if we file suit against the stockbrokers, it could inflict severe financial damage on the Japanese financial houses."

Charles Stevens, of Coudert's Asian office, has already estimated that a victory for the American pension and mutual [unit trust] funds preparing the action could cost the big four tens of millions of dollars.

Mr Sitrick added: "There are all kinds of complicated legal questions here. We are examining which US and which Japanese laws are applicable in this case and then seeing how these fit with the factual pattern of our clients, which also differ from case to case. Then we'll determine whether we file in the US, Japan or both."

Surprise as BT profit climbs 11.3%

By ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FIRST-QUARTER profits at BT surpassed expectations, rising 11.3 per cent to £825 million before tax during the three months to June 30.

The profit was achieved despite a continued weakening in the growth of call volumes, and against a year on year rise in revenue of just 4.2 per cent to £3.34 billion.

Iain Vallance, the chairman, said: "Continued emphasis on cost control and improved quality of service have generated increased earnings, despite low growth in demand for our products and services."

Operating profit, at £920 million, rose 6.5 per cent. Although capital spending continued to rise, strong cash flow enabled BT to cut borrowings. Gearing has been reduced 11 points over the past year to 27 per cent.

The benefits of lower borrowing came straight through to the bottom line in the shape of a 22.8 per cent fall in interest charges to £95 million and accounts for a sizeable chunk of the profit increase. BT's profits are also starting to show the benefits of Mr Vallance's drive to cut costs. During the latest quarter, BT reduced its workforce by 3,700 to 223,200. During the year to March 31, numbers were reduced by 18,800. The workforce is to be reduced by a further 10,000 during the rest of this year.

BT says improvements to the quality of service has resulted in fewer calls to its operators. At the same time, improved technology has enabled each operator to handle more enquiries. As a result, it has been able to make sharp cuts in their numbers, as well curtailing other support staff.

Growth in both call volumes and the number of new connections have continued their unrelenting decline for the fourth successive quarter.

During the year to June, the volume of inland calls rose by 3 per cent. A year ago, growth was running at 9 per cent, having peaked in 1989 at an annual rate of 11 per cent. International call growth declined to 5 per cent after a 1988 peak of 14 per cent.

The number of new business connections is little more than a third of its level of a year ago.

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BP plans $2bn of disposals

By MARTIN BARROW

BP EXPECTS to complete disposals worth up to $2 billion in the second half of the current year to help bear the burden of its exploration and development.

David Simon, chief operating officer and deputy chairman, said divestments could take place. The company completed disposals worth only $150 million in the first half.

Divestments are expected to include the rump of BP's TEX/CON subsidiary, which holds North American onshore interests. TEX/CON's gas transmission and marketing business was sold last month for about $250 million and a deal is now being negotiated for the exploration and production assets, which could increase total proceeds to $800 million.

Yesterday, BP announced net income of £253 million for the six months to end-June, down from £397 million for the first half of last year, after stock losses of £511 million, of which all but £70 million was incurred in the first quarter. Net income in the second quarter, when oil prices were steady, was £243 million, up from £53 million.

First half earnings fell from 7.4p a share to 4.7p but steadied in the second quarter after falling to only 0.2p a share in the first three months. A second quarterly dividend of 4.20p increases the half-year payment 6 per cent from 7.90p a share to 8.40p. The Royal Dutch/Shell group also suffered a sharp rise in stockholding losses, up from £192 million to £498 million, but held net income at £1.38 billion in the six months to end-June, compared with £1.379 billion.

Shell's net income in the second quarter was £533 million (£563 million), helped by the absence of corporate charges and by higher crude oil prices, which together offset a drop in earnings from chemicals. First half earnings were held at 15.1p a share.

On the stock market, BP shares fell from 343½p to 340½p while Shell shares were down 4p at 523p.

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Recession and war hurt WPP

PRE-TAX profits at WPP Group, the marketing services company headed by Martin Sorrell, plunged 65 per cent to £16 million (£46 million) in the six months to end-June.

Revenues fell 7 per cent to £582 million, with advertising expenditure hit by the combined effects of the Gulf war and recession.

There is no interim payout again, and £8.8 million of dividends on WPP's cumulative preference shares are being rolled up because of a lack of distributable reserves. After the provision for the convertible dividend, earnings per share were nil (42p).

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Not so wizard for Oz high fliers

By ANGELA MACKAY

AFTER a decade of excess by Australia's corporate community, an age of austerity has dawned with the federal government's decision to introduce legislation to curb the high-flying antics of the growing list of famous bankrupts.

Michael Tate, the minister for justice and consumer affairs, said in Canberra yesterday: "I believe Australians are sick to death and quite angry at . . . high-living bankrupts being permitted to travel overseas and enjoying a lifestyle which is obviously dependent on a good cash flow".

He said the changes, to be law in a few months, would stop personal bankrupts leaving Australia unless firm arrangements were made to meet obligations.

Skase: Spanish villa

The bill also plans to reform voting at creditor meetings, compel bankrupts to repay creditors from income and change the maximum bankruptcy period from three to eight years.

The law will take current income into account in the repayment of debt, to avoid the possibility of bankrupts living off affluent spouses.

A change of heart has been expected, but it was the behaviour of Christopher Skase, the former chairman of Qintex, the media group, that proved the last straw.

Declared bankrupt early this year after his company collapsed with debts of more than Aus$1 billion, Mr Skase now spends most of his time in a US$2 million villa in Spain, surrounded by servants and a security system, but regularly flies to Australia to appear in court in connection with other matters.

Mr Skase, a former financial journalist who, as recently as 1989, looked set to bid for MGM, has a history of grand gestures. He threw an Aus$1.5 million Christmas party in 1985 with the entire event swathed in powder blue, his wife's favourite colour.

Mr Tate also said people who defaulted from ordered repayments could have their bankruptcy period extended to up to eight years. At present, if, after three years, a bankrupt has made every effort to repay debt, the amount of debt outstanding is written off to enable them to resume business operations.

HOW CAN A SMALL BUSINESS SURVIVE THE RECESSION?

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Bankers support ailing builder

By MATTHEW BOND

CHARLES Church, the Southeast housebuilder that took itself private two years ago in a £100 million deal, says that it continues to trade only with the continued support of its bankers.

In March, the company announced it had made a pre-tax loss of more than £50 million in 1990, after writing down the value of land and work in progress by £44 million. Three months later the company said it had net borrowings of £78 million. As security, the company's bankers have a charge over all the group's property and assets, including its ordinary shares, which are now all owned by members of the Church family. The company's founder, Charles Church, was killed in a plane crash two years ago.

Stewart Baseley, chief executive, wants the banks to agree to a restructuring of these borrowings, which would see the banks deferring part of their debt, swapping the balance for preference shares and subscribing for new ordinary A shares.

Although all its ordinary shares are now owned by the Church family, there is still an outstanding, institutionally owned preference share issue, whose holders will be required to approve the restructuring before it can go ahead. The price of these shares dropped ½p to 5½p, in response to the proposal that for each preference share shareholders would receive one new preference B share, one new ordinary B share and 49,999 deferred shares. The deferred shares would be valueless.

The seriousness of the company's problems is made clear by the fact that none of the new classes of share, be they ordinary or preference, is expected to yield dividends and that their dividend rights are not cumulative. The proposals will be considered at extraordinary meetings to be held on August 30.

MICHAEL POWELL

John Robinson, chief executive (right), and Eric Kinder, chairman, who has not seen a deeper recession

Smith & Nephew slips 5%

By OUR CITY STAFF

A fifth of Smith & Nephew's worldwide sales come from its British toiletries business of Nivea, Lillets and Elastoplast.

The effects of recession and poor summer sales of sun preparations led to a 5 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £59.3 million in the 24 weeks to June 15.

The interim dividend rises 1 per cent to 1.75p.

Eric Kinder, the chairman, said: "This recession is deeper and has had more effect than anything I have previously experienced and I see no prospect for an end to it much before the end of this year."

A range of Nivea skin care products is being launched.

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Kleinwort back in the black with first-half £24.7m

By JONATHAN PRYNN

KLEINWORT Benson, the merchant bank, has returned to the black with pre-tax profits of £24.7 million in the six months to end-June, after the disastrous losses for the whole of last year.

The profits are, however, still 23 per cent down on last time's £30.3 million. The bank made a £68 million loss last year, due partly to losses on a failed bought deal.

The interim dividend is maintained at 5.3p. This year's figures continue to be hit by bad debt provisions, which were £29 million in the first half before releases and recoveries of £10 million. There are no comparable first-half figures, but for the whole of last year, provisions were £67 million before releases and recoveries of £24 million.

David Peake, chairman, said the bank continues to concentrate corporate lending on "larger companies with which we have, or would expect to develop, a wider merchant banking relationship". On a weighted asset basis, the loan book is 10 per cent smaller than at the end of last year and 17 per cent smaller than at last year's halfway stage. Mr Peake hopes for lower provisions in the second half, but said it was difficult to make forecasts because of the large size and relatively small number of loans involved. He said: "The area most resistant to improvement is property in the UK and America."

Mr Peake said the equities and treasury divisions operated profitably in the first half "assisted by a higher level of activity in the securities markets during a part of the period, by tight control of risk and by reduced costs". Mergers and acquisition activity remained low, but the corporate finance division as a whole benefited from a higher level of financing by clients.

Overall, merchant banking activities contributed £23.5 million pre-tax profits in the first half (£28.2 million). The investment management division reported £13.4 million profits (£15.5 million).

Airlines upturn led by KLM

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

KLM, the Dutch airline, became the first European airline to report a recovery with the announcement of a rise in net profits of three and a half times to 135.9 million guilders (£41 million) for the three months to June, the first quarter of its current year. Favourable movements in exchange rates and improvements in traffic efficiency resulted in a rise in revenues, up 13 per cent to Fl 1.88 billion, giving a profit margin of 7.2 per cent.

The rise in KLM's income has defied the general trend in the airline business, which has been badly affected by the world economic slowdown. British Airways reported a slump in its first-quarter pre-tax profits from £156 million to £9 million on Wednesday.

However, KLM's recovery follows one of its most disastrous years, which saw the dividend scrapped after a loss of Fl 630 million. KLM's latest profits are still below the profits for the three months to the end of March last year (Fl 230 million). KLM took restructuring provisions of Fl 300 million, relating to about 1,000 staff cuts, into its results for the whole of the previous year.

The first-quarter results contained no extraordinary items and came despite a strong increase in fuel costs to Fl 180 million, compared with the Fl 156.6 million in the first quarter of last year.

KLM said the rise in revenues "was the result of higher yields in local currencies, exchange-rate trends favourable to KLM and the revenue-enhancing effects of adjustments to the route network".

KLM said earlier this year that it would not make a profit again until the year ending in March 1994. The airline's load factor – critical for an airline's profitability – appeared only marginally affected by the worldwide downturn.

The load factor fell to 70.2 per cent in July (72.5 per cent in July 1990). The load factor has deteriorated marginally since. Capacity during the first quarter rose by 4 per cent. KLM made staff cuts as well as disposals of non-core activities. The disposals were meant to reduce the workforce by another 2,000.

KLM's shares rose Fl 2.10 to Fl 31 in afternoon trading in Amsterdam. This represents a 50 per cent rise in the share value since February this year, when the company announced the staff cuts.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Broackes to support Trafalgar rights issue

SIR Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, who originally suggested he would not take up his share of the group's £310 million rights issue of A ordinary shares, has decided instead to support the issue, which closes on Monday. Sir Nigel has sold his entire personal holding of 3.06 million ordinary shares at 212.3p per share and declared that he will support the rights issue out of the £6.5 million proceeds.

Apart from taking up his entitlement to 1.02 million A ordinary shares at a cost of £1.9 million, Sir Nigel also intends to buy an unspecified further number of A ordinary shares, which do not pay dividends for the first two years and are being issued to pay for the Davy process engineering business. Trafalgar shares gained 1p to 215p while nil-paid rights to the A ordinary shares jumped 4p to 17p.

Booker sells Dixon Pork

BOOKER, the food group, has sold its subsidiary Dixon Pork and Bacon, formerly part of Fitch Lovell which Booker acquired last year, to Dalehead Foods for £4.25 million in cash. Dixon's unaudited net tangible assets at completion are estimated at £6.7 million in the 12 months to end-June.

Wahlco buys Hanson unit

HANSON Amalgamated Industries, the British industrial division of Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, has sold its Teddington Bellows subsidiary to Wahlco Environmental Systems for £930,000 cash. In the year to end-September last year, Teddington made a pre-tax profit of £128,000.

Water price warning

YORKSHIRE Water said lower operating costs had enabled it to keep price rises moderate last year but future charges would have to reflect the cost of capital investment.

Sir Gordon Jones, chairman, told the annual meeting the company's capital investment programme would continue at the rate of about £260 million a year for the next decade. He said that in about five years' time the company looked set to generate 10 per cent of group profits from YW Enterprises, its engineering and commercial services subsidiary.

John I Jacobs tumbles

JOHN I Jacobs, the ship broker and owner, has announced a £270,000 pre-tax profit for the six months to end-June (£597,000). The company said that freight rates had been hit by the recession. The broking department, however, had an "encouraging" start to the second half. The interim dividend is 0.5p (1.5p).

Firth plunges into the red

GM FIRTH Holdings' "unfortunate" strategic move into quoted investments has sent the Midlands based steel stockholding group plunging into losses for the year to end-March. Pre-tax losses for the year were £727,000 (£1.8 million profit). There is no final dividend, leaving the full-year dividend at 1p.

Lloyd's EGM unlikely

LLOYD'S of London expects not to have to call the extraordinary general meeting demanded by names on the loss making Gooda Walker syndicates, Alan Lord, the chief executive of Lloyd's said yesterday.

The Gooda Walker names want to amend the Lloyd's by-law that introduced independent reviews of major losses this year. A petition bearing the signatures of more than 500 names was delivered to Lloyd's last week demanding the meeting.

Aer Lingus profits slide

INTENSE competition in the airline industry is causing revenue at Aer Lingus, the Irish state airline, to run behind budget in its current financial year. The airline has announced an 84 per cent slide in pre-tax profits for the year to end-March 1991 to Ir£6.2 million (£5.7 million) from Ir£38.7 million.

UniChem offer extended

UNICHEM, the pharmaceuticals business, had received valid acceptances for its offer by yesterday afternoon in respect of 19,630 shares in Macarthy, or 0.07 per cent. Before the offer UniChem owned 187,500 Macarthy shares, or a further 0.7 per cent. The offer has been extended until 3 pm on August 29.

BT

First Quarter Results

Results for the first quarter ended 30 June, 1991

	3 months ended 30 June, 1991 Unaudited £m	3 months ended 30 June, 1990 Unaudited £m
Turnover	3,342	3,208
Operating profit	920	864
Profit before tax	825	741
Profit after tax	557	500
Earnings per share	9.0p	8.1p

Highlights

- Turnover up by 4.2%
- Earnings per share up by 10.2%

"BT has started the year with sound results against a background of difficult economic conditions and increasing competition. Continued emphasis on cost control and improved quality of service have generated increased earnings, despite low growth in demand for our products and services."

Iain Vallance
Chairman

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Murdoch magazines sold to Emap

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

EMAP, the magazines and newspapers group, has acquired three magazines in the Murdoch Magazines UK stable that were put up for sale recently by News International for £10 million in cash. *New Woman*, which has achieved a circulation of 233,114 since its launch by Murdoch Magazines in July 1988, will strengthen Emap's position in the maturing women's magazine market.

New Woman is aimed at women in their mid-to-late twenties, while Emap's other women's titles – *Looks*, *Just Seventeen* and *More* – are brand leaders in the young women's market.

Emap said the other two titles sold by News International, *Car* and *Supercar & Classics*, will strengthen its position in the car magazine market, where it is already in number one position with *Practical Classics*, *Classic Car Weekly* and *Popular Classics*. The acquisition of *Car*, with a circulation of 137,105, gives it the United Kingdom's brand leader in the modern car market.

Both *Car* and *Supercar & Classics* were acquired by News International in 1989 for an undisclosed sum, together with two other titles, *Truck* and *Truck & Driver*, which were sold last year.

August Fischer, the managing director of News International, which owns *The Times*, said: "We were pleased with the offers from all those invited to bid, but we felt that the Emap proposal would best carry on the traditions of these successful titles."

News International's two remaining UK magazine titles – *TV Guide* and *Sky Magazine*, the joint venture with Hachette, the French publisher – will continue trading.

Hong Kong curbs property speculation as prices surge

From LULU YU IN HONG KONG

PRICES for Hong Kong homes are so high that the government and leading banks are taking tough action to curb rampant speculation.

Graham Barnes, the secretary for planning, environment and lands, yesterday announced measures to stop triads – the colony's organised gangsters – from amassing flats for speculation.

Banks are tightening lending and introducing charges on mortgage loans, although they stopped short of raising the mortgage rate of about 10.5 per cent, one percentage point about Hong Kong's prime rate.

Prices for small and medium flats have risen 40 per cent this year, to nearly HK$3,000 (£227) per square foot, and by 10 per cent since July 4, when Britain and China agreed to build a airport in Hong Kong.

Renewed confidence in the colony's future after 1997, when China resumes sovereignty, has spurred more people to buy homes or trade up their smaller flats for bigger ones. But the speculators are benefiting the most.

A spokesman for the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation said: "We are concerned about the level of property prices. Our policy is really one of caution." Standard Chartered cut mortgage lending by 10 per cent to 80 per cent and introduced a charge for arranging loans, following its introduction of higher penalty charges for prepaid loans two months ago.

Barry Grosvenor, acting chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Banks, said a decision would be reached on Friday on whether to raise Hong Kong's interest and mortgage rates. The government's new scheme to regulate the sale of flats includes the removal of higher initial deposits for successful bidders and higher penalty charges for defaulters.

Analysts welcomed the government's measures and said they would consolidate property prices.

London Merchant Securities plc

LMS

Highlights of the year	1991 £000	1990 £000
Profit before tax	28,870	26,312
Profit attributable to shareholders	18,189	16,068
Shareholders' funds	358,235	385,752
Earnings per Ordinary share	7.43p	6.62p
Dividends per Ordinary share	3.60p	3.40p

With its low gearing (20 per cent.), strategically located property investments and selective, fully funded new developments, LMS is well placed to surmount the rigours of the current economic situation and to benefit from the hoped for early economic recovery.

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Fair outlook for BT's share sale

COMMENT

British Telecom's first quarter figures may be the last before the government's remaining 48 per cent stake is sold some time in the autumn. They make reassuring reading for would-be buyers despite knee-jerk protests from Labour spokesmen. The profits indicate a return in the mid to high teens on some £20 billion of capital employed. This is by no means excessive and coupled with a tough pricing formula of RPI minus 6.5 per cent and an increasingly fractious Oftel, does not suggest that BT has *carte blanche* to abuse its dominant market position.

But after an astonishing 44 per cent rise so far this year, from a mid-January low point of 269p to 389p last night, it is hard to see how the shares have a great deal of potential in the short term.

In part, the re-rating is due to a growing belief that the political risk of re-nationalisation after the general election has receded. Labour's once strident promise to put BT back under the dead hand of Whitehall is not heard these days. Instead, Labour suggests now that restraint of BT's 90 per cent domestic market share may be better exercised through Oftel. BT and its shareholders have little to fear from this in the short run. But in the long run, Oftel's Sir Bryan Carsberg may present difficulties for BT. These days he gives the impression that Oftel's role is less to do with regulating BT and increasingly that of reverse discrimination against BT in the interests of promoting wider competition in the telecoms industry. Few would quarrel with that, up to a point. But before long, BT shareholders, especially long-term investors such as pension funds, need to establish the limits of Oftel's powers or intentions to give away BT's business.

Another factor in the re-rating of BT shares this year has been the better than expected outcome of the duopoly review. But the bulk of the change in market sentiment is all about BT's performance, which shows its ability to cope with recession. Part of the 11 per cent increase in profits stems from the improved prices brought in last year. But by internal good housekeeping, the impact of the recession on BT has been substantially mitigated. Call volumes at home grew just 3 per cent, though high margin international traffic rose 5 per cent. Turnover was only 4 per cent higher.

Staff costs, still higher than many substantial overseas' network operators, rose only 1.3 per cent. The company is beginning to reap the benefits from last year's efficiency measures. In the first quarter this year there was a further 3,700 reduction in staff numbers, including 1,800 who worked for companies that have been sold. Capital spending has been reined back, and interest charges reduced.

If BT makes about £3.25 billion in the full year, then its shares are currently selling for about 11 times expected earnings per share. That discount to the market is perhaps a little higher than justified by the reduced political risks. Recession or not, BT's net cash inflow at £673 million during the quarter was strong and augurs well for a successful share sale.

No windfall

Our leading oil majors, BP and Shell, who not so long ago stood accused of earning windfall profits from the Gulf War, need say no more about the long-term damage to their business caused by sudden spikes in oil prices.

Their financial results for the first half of 1991 generally compare unfavourably with the first six months of last year, the period that immediately preceded the invasion of Kuwait and the surge in oil prices.

Bearing in mind that both companies also ended the last full financial year markedly lower, it is difficult to see what case politicians hoped to make against the big oil companies.

After the end of the Gulf war, BP and Shell looked forward to a period of stability in oil markets that would encourage the West out of recession.

Oil has indeed been stable but has floundered well below the estimated range of between $20 and $25 a barrel.

An average price of $18.80 in the second quarter, against $15.95 for the same period last year, is obviously seen as a step in the right direction, but measured in sterling the increase narrows to £1.50. This modest benefit has been eroded by a catalogue of negative points, including rising costs, reduced oil output, tighter refining margins and depressed demand for petrochemicals.

At the same time, BP and Shell are investing heavily in the future. Shell intends to spend up to $12 billion a year for the next 5 years to double its asset base while BP embarks on its high-risk strategy of exploration in the so-called frontier regions.

While in nominal terms BP's programme, which spans the Cusiana prospect in Colombia, the Gulf of Mexico and the North Sea's Mungo field, is less onerous, gearing of almost 80 per cent gives the company less room for manoeuvre when oil prices fail to respond to the apparently fine balance between supply and demand.

Shell's Sir Peter Holmes expects oil to edge higher in the final quarter but slip back to current levels next year. If correct, the outlook for BP, whose earnings are heavily geared towards crude prices, is not bright. Shell's financial strength offers better prospects, even though chemicals will continue to give cause for concern.

Unhealthy Glasrock hurts BOC margins

TEMPUS

WITHOUT moving currencies, and without its loss-making Glasrock Home Health Care business, life at BOC would be much more profitable, as its nine months' results to June 30 again attest. The £235 million pre-tax profit, compared with £258 million, was struck after an £18.5 million currency hit, which added to the blows from a higher interest charge and an increased tax charge, to make an overall £30 million drag on the trading results.

The nine months' profit figure also embraces losses at Glasrock, which are likely to have run into millions by the time 1991 is ruled off. Margins within BOC's healthcare division were 13 per cent at constant exchange rates, including Glasrock, and would have been 20 per cent without.

Considering that BOC did not see any upturn in most of the key economies in which it operates, the nine months' outcome was in line with market expectations. Since June 30, currencies have moved in BOC's favour, and come year-end, the negative currency impact might be "only" £12 million.

The impact of recent price increases on BOC's liquid lines in America will only come through into profits when new contracts have been written at the higher prices. So far this year, prices of gases and margins have been stable.

BOC's intended flotation of its healtcare businesses is likely to be later, rather than soon. Before any flotation, BOC has to attend to Glasrock, and it wants to be in a position where the investment worth of the new generation of drugs within its pharmaceuticals division can be better assessed.

Under BOC's dividend alert policy, investors already know they will receive a total 20.4p net a share this year, which, at yesterday's 582p, yields 4.7 per cent. BOC remains on target for pre-tax profits of £337 million (£354.3 million) for the full year, to rate the shares at 12.8 times prospective earnings. They are worth holding for the better days that should come next year.

Smith & Nephew

FOR a group that is well entrenched in growing international healthcare markets, from sophisticated dressings to artificial hips, Smith & Nephew has been reporting disappointingly stagnant profits of late. In the second half of last year, there was a sudden glut in a commodity medical glove market the group has now left.

This year, currency movements have knocked 9 per cent underlying sales growth down to 2 per cent in the first six months and a shortage of sun and money has hit the British Nivea toiletries business. This is reflected in a 1 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 1.75p.

The good news is that the profit trend is improving. A fall of 8 per cent in the first quarter became only 2 per cent in the second, leaving first half pre-tax profits down 5 per cent at £59.3 million and earnings down 8 per cent due to a switch in profits to higher tax areas. Despite continuing gloom in British toiletries, much of the shortfall should be recouped in the remainder of the year, helped by comparison with last year's poor second half.

At 135.5p, the shares sell at 15 times likely earnings with a dividend yield of 4.3 per cent. This is not a demanding rating, though not helped in the short term by the $96 million Californian technology damages on which S&N's appeal may not be judged for a further ten months.

"No evidence of upturn": Martin Sorrell, of WPP

County NatWest is looking for 11 per cent earnings growth in 1992, which ought to be no more than a norm for the future. S&N's steadier medical disposables businesses tend to be compared unhelpfully with high-growth drug companies. But the underlying potential of the business is strong and the group's personal equity plan looks a good proposition for long-term private investors.

WPP

WPP is trading within the revised bank loan covenants agreed as part of the April refinancing of its debts. That is the good news. For ordinary shareholders, the interim figures offer little else to cheer about.

The sharp fall in pre-tax profits to £16 million was largely expected. More depressing for shareholders is the bleak picture painted of the prospects for the rest of the year.

Martin Sorrell, chief executive, sees "no evidence to date of any upturn in trading conditions in the group's major markets, such as the United States and the United Kingdom". The best that can be said is that the rate of decline seems to be slowing. When you are standing at the end of a queue that includes bankers, convertible preference shareholders and vendors of companies in earn-out deals, that is a small crumb of comfort for ordinary shareholders.

Perhaps if WPP had remained true to its roots as a supermarket trolley maker, none of this would have happened. One of the few parts of the empire to record a "satisfactory" first half is the manufacturing division, with £250,000 pre-tax profits.

By contrast, JWT saw operating margins fall to 7 per cent and those at Ogilvy Group fell to 5.8 per cent, compared with the long-term target of 12 per cent. As WPP admits, "the time frame over which this can be achieved will be longer than previously anticipated".

Pre-tax profits for the year are expected to reach £50 million, putting the ordinary shares at 111p on a humble rating of about six times earnings of 21p. Since they are not expected to attract dividends before the mid-Nineties, they are exceptionally vulnerable to further bad news and must be regarded as a high-risk play. The convertible preference shares at 29p, with their 40 per cent yield and greater stability, remain the best way to buy into WPP's recovery prospects.

PowerGen trials linked to damaged cars

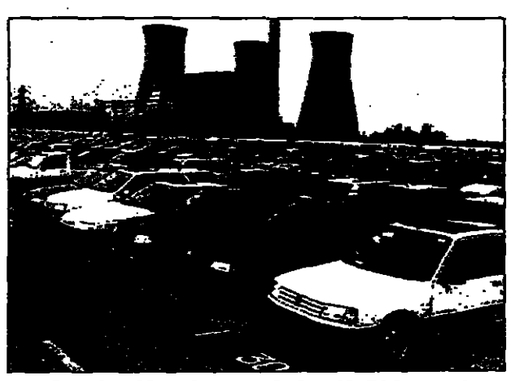
HOPES at PowerGen that a new fuel called Orimulsion could provide a low-cost alternative to coal or oil have suffered a setback after two car manufacturers linked emissions from trial burning with damage to the paint of cars stored nearby.

Peugeot is "considering an approach for compensation" after discovering damage to several hundred cars in a transit pound at Richborough, Kent. The cars, including Peugeot 205, 309 and 605 models, with a showroom value of up to £25,000, had been imported through Kent ports and were awaiting shipment to dealers.

Peugeot engineers from France have removed panels for laboratory analysis, in what the company calls a "major investigation". Peugeot says fallout from PowerGen's neighbouring Richborough power station appears to have eaten through the protective wax in which the cars were shipped, and penetrated the paintwork as far as the priming coat.

The models affected have been aside from stocks for sale until the faults are dealt with.

Citroen, which also had stocks of its AX, BX and XM models in the pound, reports similar pitting to paintwork. The company is also investigating the damage.



Emissions blamed: cars parked beside Richborough

PowerGen acknowledged that claims had been made and said it was investigating. PowerGen said: "This station is operating with the full knowledge and consent of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution."

Orimulsion comprises 70 per cent bitumen and 30 per cent water and is imported from Venezuela.

Orimulsion trials were first run at the Ince power station in Cheshire by the Central Electricity Generating Board, PowerGen's forerunner, in 1988. For almost 18 months, Richborough has been conducting further trials.

The 29-year-old power station, which has three 114 megawattt generating sets, is fitted with electro-static precipitators, which are supposed to remove soot from its emissions.

Among the disadvantages of Orimulsion is its high sulphur content.

Emissions of sulphur from power stations are acknowledged to be one of the pricipal causes of acid rain, which is blamed for damage to trees and lakes. According to PowerGen, sulphur emissions from burning Orimulsion are typically 20 per cent higher for each megawatt of power generated than from British-mined coal or imported oil.

If the company adopted Orimulsion as a fuel, it would almost certainly face calls to fit flue gas desulpherisation equipment (FGD) to any power station burning it. PowerGen is required by the government to fit FGD equipment to 4,000 megawatts of capacity as part of a European drive to cut sulphur emissions.

PowerGen has begun work, at a cost of more than £300 million, at its 2,000 megawatt Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station, near Nottingham. It has sought planning consent for similar work at its 2,000 megawatt Ferrybridge C plant, West Yorkshire, but has yet to place the contract.

One option would be to burn Orimulsion at its Isle of Grain plant, Kent, and fit FGD equipment there instead. Claims of damage from emissions, however, would do little to ease such a switch in strategy.

ROSS TIEMAN

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Weighing in on Aldersley

ANALYSTS at Smith New Court have found a way of charting the fortunes of the health and household sector. Over ten years, the weight gains and losses of John Aldersley, an analyst famed for his girth, track the sector remarkably well. Take 1982: "John Aldersley starts in the City. Sector outperforms as Aldersley swiftly puts on a stone." And 1988: "Took up jogging, low calorie lager, bran tablets in attempt to get fit and trim. Not confident about long-term prospects as gets married and wife is good cook." Now nearing a peak, Aldersley threatens a crash-diet in the autumn. Meanwhile, he is free for lunch . . .

Jobs for the boys

ONE of the few profitable sides of Doctus, the management consultancy group that went into receivership over a week ago, has been bought by one of its former arch rivals. It looks simple enough: Methuen Career Development, a "career development" consultancy, buying MSN, a "human resource" specialist. What it means is that a company that found jobs for people out of work has itself been bought by a company that finds jobs for people out of work. The mind boggles.

Powers for Spain

KEEN to outdo Hill Samuel and others that enjoy a high profile at Windsor's Smith's Lawn, Moore Stephens, the accountancy firm, has taken Spain to heart. The firm is to sponsor the Spanish team in the first International Ladies Polo tournament, which starts on Sunday at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club. "We have a high proportion of international private clients," says Michael MacInnes, a partner, "so rubbing shoulders with people who play and watch polo is not altogether altruistic." Stephanie Powers, the actress who appeared in *Matador*, will play for the Spanish team. The five-day event is in aid of the Save the Children Fund.

Ball and chain

AUSTRALIANS, keen to forget their convict roots, will be dismayed by the antics of a York travel company. Rainbow Holidays, keen to encourage travel Down Under, is offering discounts of up to £270 for descendants of the first fleet. To drive the point home, it has launched a two-week Prisoners of History package to former settlements such as Botany Bay and Port Arthur, Tasmania. Descendants of the 750 prisoners on the voyage of 1787-8, King, Smith, Young and Richardson among them, will be delighted to learn that a ball and chain is thrown in . . . just to make them feel at home.

Up the wrong tree

COUTTS & Co, banker to the rich and famous, sent income tax papers to a client, asking for her signature, and a few bits of information. "I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me know the date of Sebastian's birth, since it is quite likely that the inspector will want to know this." The client rang Coutts back to say the date of birth was July 1, 1988, but since Sebastian was a basset hound, she wondered if she could really claim him as a dependant. "Oh dear," said the man from Coutts. "And I had such a clear image of Sebastian as a six-year-old boy."

JON ASHWORTH

British Gas Advises its Contract Customers of Reduced Charges for Fixed Price Contracts.

The Fixed Price Premia under "Optional Terms" in Schedule FI4 will be reduced for contracts entered into under Schedule FI4 on or after 1st September 1991.

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Price fixed for Contract Period: 1 year Contract + 5.0%
2 year Contract + 10.0%

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Accounting staff pay rises 8.4%

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT
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PAY of accounting staff has risen by an average of 8.4 per cent in the year to May 1991, compared with 10.4 per cent the previous year, says a survey by the Reward Group, the pay research consultants.

Reward forecasts rises averaging 7.6 per cent over the next 12 months. The typical qualified accountant earned £20,900, including bonus, for a 37-hour week with 25 days' holiday a year. A third had a company car.

Qualified accountants were paid about 5 per cent more than equivalent general middle managers. Financial controllers received about 7 per cent more than equivalent senior managers, but junior accountants and clerical staff were worse off than their equivalents.

Nissan speeds up dealership plans

By KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

NISSAN has accelerated the drive to replace Octav Botnar's deposed dealer franchise by announcing a site for the headquarters of Nissan Motor (GB), the network set up by the company.

Nissan must replace Mr Botnar's 280-strong AFG dealership chain in the next six months in order to maintain car sales, which ran at more than 100,000 last year.

More than 300 employees from all divisions of the distribution company will move into the new headquarters of Nissan Motor at Maple Cross, northwest London, in the autumn.

There will also be a parts warehouse at Magna Park, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, employing 75 people, which will take over component distribution.

Botnar: end of dealership

After the failure of Mr Botnar's legal action to prevent Nissan Motor Manufacturing ending his 21-year-old distribution deal in Britain, Nissan is moving quickly to establish its own network at a cost of about £40 million.

The recession and legal row with Nissan UK have depressed Nissan sales. By end-July, Nissan registrations had fallen to 36,514 from 59,553 in the same period last year.

Mayflower buys car body firm

By MARTIN WALLER

THE Mayflower Corporation, *the industrial group best* known for its former ownership of Tri-ang toys, has announced an acquisition in the automotive products area and a rights issue to pay for it.

It is buying the British and American businesses of Motor Panels, which makes automotive bodies, for £14.75 million from the receivers of CH Industrials Group, the former stock market high-flier that crashed in March.

A one-for-two rights issue of 12.6 million new shares at 25p and a placing at the same price of another 60 million with institutional and other investors will raise £17 million.

Mayflower's existing businesses are in synthetic and seatbelt webbing as well as advertising and financial services. Shares have been *suspended since last month at* 26p and trading is expected to restart on September 3. Mayflower has also issued half-way figures to end-June, showing a pre-tax profit of £12,000 (£190,000 loss).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 5	August 16	November 7	November 18

Call options were taken out on: B/B/91 Berisford Intl, Burford Holdings, Burton Group, A Lee, LWT Prf, Owners Abroad, Premier Cons Oil, TSB, Thames TV.
Put: Thames TV.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyons (*588)	500	95	102	113	3	5½	9
	550	52	64	78	10	18	23
	600	22	35	52	52	40	45
ASDA (*89)	90	4½	8	9½	7	8½	11
	100	2	4½	6½	15	16	18
	110	1	2½	-	25	25	-
Bass (*922)	880	72	-	-	12	-	-
	929	40	-	-	31	-	-
	977	18	-	-	64	-	-
Boots (*419)	360	68	71	-	1½	4	-
	390	41	48	59	5	9½	13
	420	21	29	42	15	21	25
Br Airways (*184)	140	40	51	-	1	2	-
	180	30	33	39	2½	4½	6½
	1180	14	19	26	6	11	13½
BP (*341)	330	21	26	31	7½	12	15
	360	6	12	17	26	29	31
	390	2	5	-	54	54	-
Br Steel (*122)	110	14½	16	18½	2	4	5
	120	7½	9½	12½	5	7½	9½
	130	3½	5	8½	11½	14	15
C & W (*581)	500	93	105	-	3	6	-
	550	51	67	83	11	17	23
	600	23	40	55	34	39	44
CU (*545)	460	88	100	-	1½	4	-
	500	53	68	76	8	12	16
	550	20	37	45	27	32	37
Courtaulds (*450)	390	67	75	86	3	6	8
	420	42	53	65	8	14	16
	460	17	28	42	25	28	29
GKN (*959)	330	30	42	45	9	14	21
	360	13	24	30	25	28	36
	390	5	13	18	50	50	60
Grand Met. (*794)	750	72	94	106	11	23	28
	800	40	62	76	30	42	49
	850	18	39	53	62	69	75
ICI (*1350)	1300	85	127	148	37	55	72
	1350	55	99	117	62	75	92
	1400	35	75	92	94	105	120
Kingfisher (*545)	460	95	107	-	3	6	-
	500	60	77	90	7	14	17
	550	26	44	59	26	32	36
Ladbroke (*274)	240	41	44	50	3	6	9½
	260	24	30	37	8	12	16
	280	11½	19	26	18	22	25
Land Sec (*506)	460	58	65	75	2½	6½	9
	500	27	37	47	11	19	23
	550	6	14	25	47	47	52
M & S (*277)	260	26	33	41	3½	6½	8½
	280	13½	20	28	11	14	16
	300	5	11	18	25	27	28
Sainsbury (*373)	326	54	61	-	1	4	-
	356	29	38	-	7	11	-
	386	12	21	-	21	25	-
Shell (*523)	460	72	80	83	2	4½	7
	500	37	50	53	9	14	22
	550	9	22	27	36	43	50
Smkl Beech (*785)	750	59	80	100	14	23	28
	800	30	52	68	37	40	48

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
	850	13	31	48	75	77	79
Sturdee (*113)	100	15	18	19	2½	5	7
	110	9	11	15	7	9½	11½
	120	3	6½	10	13	16	18
Trafalgar (*215)	211	16½	25	-	8	16	-
	231	9½	15	-	22	32	-
	251	5	9	-	39	47	-
Ultramar (*274)	260	24	32	37	7	11	15
	280	12	21	24	17	21	24
	300	6	12	-	32	33	-
Unilever (*767)	650	132	-	-	2	-	-
	700	87	102	-	5	8½	-
	750	48	65	82	16	24	31
	800	20	38	52	42	48	55
Utd Bisc (*390)	360	38	45	53	6	10	14
	390	17	27	34	18	23	28
	420	5½	14	20	38	40	46
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*439)	390	51	62	67	1	5	8½
	420	24	38	47	4	12	17
	460	4	17	26	27	30	37
BAT Ind (*798)	600	142	144	-	1	2	-
	650	92	94	115	1	5	9½
	700	45	56	78	4	17	23
	750	11	28	49	22	40	45
BTR (*423)	390	35	40	52	2	8	12
	420	10	21	33	9	20	25
	460	2	7½	16	42	49	51
Br Aero (*270)	550	27	42	59	5	19	25
	600	6½	19	35	33	48	52
	650	½	7	18	83	87	90
Br Telecom (*389)	330	62	70	74	1	1½	3
	360	32½	44	50	1½	5	8½
	390	8½	22	30	8½	14	19
Cadbury (*373)	360	18	30	41	4	11	15
	390	4	14	25	21	27	30
	420	1½	7	-	50	53	-
Guinness (*989)	900	98	118	142	1½	10	17
	950	51	80	107	3½	22	29
	1000	16½	50	77	21	41	48
GEC (*188)	180	10	17	19	2½	4½	6½
	200	1½	6½	9½	14	15	16
	220	½	2½	4	34	34	34
Hanson (*215)	280	14½	22	25	1½	4	8
	220	2	9½	13	9	12	18
	240	½	3½	5½	28½	28½	33
LASMO (*331)	300	34	45	55	1	6½	9
	330	8	25	36	9	17	23
	360	2	12	20	35	37	39
P & O (*388)	500	93	100	107	1	5	8½
	550	43	57	72	3	16	23
	600	10	26	43	18	40	47
Pilkington (*153)	140	15	23	26	1½	5½	8
	160	3½	10	15	11½	15	19
	180	14½	8	30	31	33	
Prudential (*253)	220	35	36	44	1	2½	4½
	240	15	22	30	3	7½	10½
	260	4	11	18	11	18	20

*Underlying security price.

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Racal (*214)	200	18	28	34	2	6	9
	220	6	16	22	9	16	19
	240	2½	8	14	25	27	31
RTZ (*588)	550	45	59	77	2	11	17
	600	17½	29	47	18	32	37
	650	1½	11	27	62	67	70
Scot New (*416)	360	61	70	75	1½	3	6
	390	31	45	51	2½	8	13
	420	10	26	33	11	18	25
Tesco (*273)	250	24	-	-	1½	-	-
	280	4½	13	21	9	15	18
	300	½	5½	12	30	30	32
Thames W. (*371)	350	26	42	47	2	5	8
	370	9	25	30	7	11	16
	400	2	10	17	32	32	34
Lucas (*244)	120	16	20	20	1½	6	7½
	140	6½	12	16	4	10	12
	160	1½	5½	7	20	24	26
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons (*483)	480	40	52	62	8½	16	18
	500	19	32	42	29	37	40
	550	3½	14	24	74	75	77
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat. (*369)	260	44	52	58	1½	3	5
	280	26	35	43	3½	6	9
	300	12	22	29	9½	14	17
Amstrad (*52)	45	10	12	13½	1½	3	4½
	50	6	8½	11	2½	5	5½
	60	2½	4½	6½	8½	9½	12
Barclays (*465)	420	47	60	68	4	8	13
	460	16	32	43	18	23	29
	500	4	15	26	50	50	53
Blue Circ. (*263)	240	31	36	43	3½	7	9½
	260	16	24	31	9	14	17
	280	6	13	22	22	26	29
Br Gas (*270)	220	53	59	61	1	1	2½
	240	34	41	43	1½	3	5
	260	17	25	28	4½	7	11
	280	5½	14	17	15	17	19
Dixons (*248)	220	32	40	46	2	6	8
	240	17	27	33	8	13	16
	260	7	17	23	19	23	26
Enterprise (*450)	420	45	64	78	9	17	23
	460	20	38	55	27	36	41
	500	6½	22	36	58	61	66
Forte (*274)	240	39	43	49	1½	3	5
	260	21	27	34	3½	7½	9
	280	8	15	22	11	16	18
Glaxo (*1303)	1250	77	110	145	29	47	57
	1300	45	82	112	50	69	80
	1350	25	60	90	83	97	108
Hanson (*587)	500	90	108	107	2½	7	11
	550	46	61	73	9	19	26
	600	17	35	46	32	44	50
Hillsdown (*224)	200	28	34	38	1½	4	6
	220	13	19	26	7	11	14
	240	4½	9½	16	19	22	24

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Lonrho (*245)	260	1	4½	-	39	40	-
	240	14	23	26	6	10	16
	260	5	13	16	19	22	29
	280	2	7	9	38	38	43
Midland (*239)	180	62	67	72	1	2	3½
	200	42	49	58	2	5	8
	220	25	33	44	5	8½	14
	240	11	23	29	13	17	21
Reuter (*834)	700	143	165	183	3	9	16
	750	98	127	147	8	19	28
	800	58	88	115	19	34	47
	850	28	59	85	45	59	69
B-Royce (*153)	140	17	20	23	3	5	8
	160	4½	9	13	12	15	18
	180	1	2½	-	31	31	-
Scots (*22)	70	13	14½	16	1½	2	3
	80	5	7	10	4	3½	6½
	90	1½	3½	6	10½	12	13
Thorn EMI (*781)	650	140	151	161	1	5	7
	700	92	108	122	3	10	13
	750	50	70	87	12	23	27
	800	19	41	60	32	45	48
TSB (*155)	130	26	28	30	1	2	3
	140	16	20	22½	2	3½	5½
	160	3½	6½	11	11	12½	14
Vod Rech (*148)	60	10	14	15	2½	5	6
	70	4½	8½	10½	7½	10	12
Wellcome (*725)	650	90	107	125	6	15	21
	700	50	74	97	17	31	37
	750	24	47	70	42	56	62
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Emess Elec (*175)	160	18	24	28	2	4½	6½
	180	4	12	17	9	12	15
	200	1½	4½	8	26	26	29
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power (*156)	130	26	26	27	2½	3	5
	140	16	18	20	4½	5	7½
	160	5	7½	10	16	17	18
Scot Power (*107)	100	10½	14	-	2	3½	-
	110	4	8	-	6	7	-
	120	1½	4	-	14	15	-

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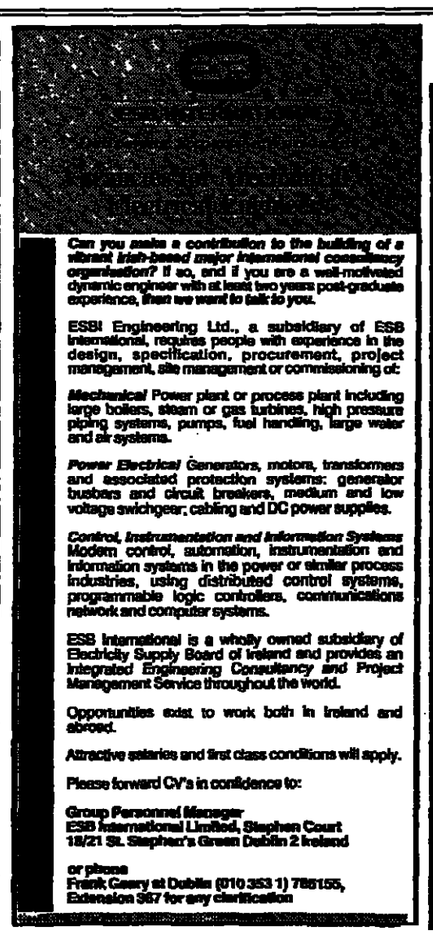
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Playmates falls on HKSE

SHARES in Playmates International Holdings, the manufacturer behind the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle toys, fell 50 cents, or 8.8 per cent, to HK$5.20 (£0.39) in early trading on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, as investors signalled disapproval of the group's half-year profits.

The *interim net profit rose* to HK$409.02 million, including extraordinary profits, from HK$350.41 million in the first six months of last year.

CMW growth

CMW Group, the architectural company, has reported a growing share of the property and construction market and pre-tax profits of £252,000 for the six months to end-May. There is a 0.9p interim dividend.

Kode payout cut

Kode International, the computer maintenance and electronics group, cut its interim dividend from 2.5p to 1p after pre-tax profits fell from £389,000 to £126,000 in the six months to end-June. Earnings were 0.6p (4.6p) a share.

Woolworths up

Pre-tax profits at Woolworths of Australia rose 25.5 per cent to Aus$209.5 million (£96.5million) in the year to June 23, from Aus$166.9 million the previous year.

Shares halted

Shares in Bellwinch, the housebuilder, were suspended at 3p at the company's request after refinancing proposals fell through.

STOCK MARKET

Institutions rush to take 20 million Racal shares

SMITH New Court had little difficulty placing 20.4 million shares in **Racal Electronics**. Applications from institutions had to be scaled down.

Smith placed the shares at 214p, with a "wide list of institutions", raising £43.65 million. Racal Electronics shares rose 5p to 218p, with volume swelling to 27 million shares.

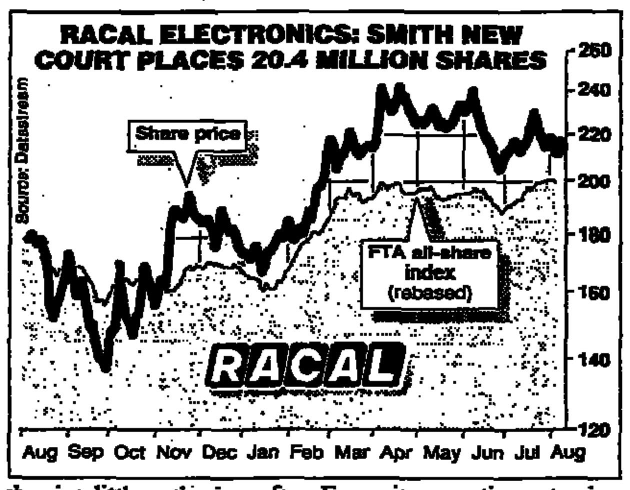
The proceeds will be used for the costs of demerger and the costs of paying loanstock holders who choose to cash in their share of a £70 million convertible issue.

Adam Quinton, of UBS Phillips & Drew, said the placing was "smaller than many had thought, by about a third, *leading to unsatisfied* demand".

Shares in **Racal Telecom**, which is nearly 80 per cent owned by Racal Electronics, benefited with a 10p rise to 335p, having touched 337p, on volume of 535,000 shares.

Racal Electronics shareholders are due to meet today to vote on the proposed demerger plan. Demerger becomes effective on September 16, with a separate quote for Vodafone Group, the new name for Racal Telecom, which will probably be included in the FT-SE 100, and for Racal Electronics, whose shares will exclude an entitlement to a share of Vodafone. Racal Electronics is expected to drop out of the FT-SE 100.

Most equities paused for breath early on with dealers showing little enthusiasm for opening new positions with the account ending today.



However, a firm start on Wall Street lifted sentiment in London and helped the FT-SE close within a whisker of its record close of 2,601.7, achieved last Friday.

The FT-SE 100 index ended at its best, up 3.2 at 2,600.6.

Favourites continue to include **Hanson**, up 3½p to 214½p, on busy volume of 9.1 million shares. **ICI**, where Hanson has a 2.8 stake, added 4p to £13.48, on thin volume of 763,000 shares.

Among the more fanciful rumours in the market was that Hanson was to sell its stake in ICI and buy **RTZ**, up 3p to 586p. Others viewed as possible candidates to launch a big bid include BTR, 1p firmer at 423p, and Philip Morris, the American giant.

Panmure Gordon's engineering quarterly says that recent surveys all point to a further extension of the recession, and concludes that *the "tunnel has lengthened and the light has faded"*. Panmure rates Smiths Industries, up 2p to 267p, a buy and Dowty, 1p firmer at 184p, a sell. Other buys include IMI, up 1p to 247p, Siebe, down 1p to 487p, and TI, up 1p to 558p.

The FT index of 30 shares climbed 6.6 to 2,021.5. Volume reached 504.3 million shares. Government securities ended £¼ higher.

Meanwhile, some in the market are convinced that a big bid is still on the horizon.

The nil-paid shares in **Burton Group**, where shareholders have until Tuesday to decide whether to take up their rights, recovered further as the market continued to debate the likely outcome of the retailer's £161 million cash call. The nil-paids, which sank to ¾p on Tuesday, staged a 2½p advance to 4p as an overhang of stock was cleared, in trading volume of 41 million. Burton ordinaries rose 2p to 34p, on volume of 3.5 million.

Shareholders have to decide by 3pm Tuesday whether to subscribe for the one-for-one issue at 30p.

British Telecom lost an early 3p rise to end ½p easier at 389p in spite of first quarter profits at the top end of City expectations.

The market was disappointed *with second-quarter* figures from **Shell**, with the shares slipping 4p to 523p. BP lost *1½p* to 342p, having reported profits in the mid range of analysts' forecasts.

Grand Metropolitan "firmly denied" rumours in the market that it was planning to sell its Burger King business. Most analysts agree that a sale at the present time is "very unlikely". The shares added 4p to 794p.

Countryside Properties, unchanged at 93p, received 82.75 per cent acceptances for its two-for-three *£20.5 million* rights issue at 88p.

Trafalgar House firmed 1p to 215p on volume of 4.3 *million* after news that Sir Nigel Broackes, the chairman, had sold most of his family's 3.5 million existing ordinary *shares at 212.3p to take up his* entitlement to the A shares.

A Charles Stanley buy recommendation helped **Bimec Industries**, the pollution control and treatment group, firm ½p to 65½p.

Cadbury closed up 7p at *375p* ahead of the MMC report on the soft drinks industry.

Airtours, the package tours and airline *group, surged 40p* to 548p on hopes that the holiday industry is recovering, although the rise was exaggerated as the *stock* is relatively narrowly held.

Steady buying in **Fairey Group**, rumoured to be a bid candidate, helped the shares rise 2p to 284p.

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FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,715	Cadbury	2,004	Lonrho	516	Royal Bank	2,112
Alld-Lyons	1,067	CU	420	Lucas	2,719	Royal Ins	1,362
Anglian	859	Courtaulds	2,757	M&S	1,291	Sainsbury	1,055
ASDA	3,934	Enterprise	125	Maxwell Cm	899	Scot & N	1,585
AB Foods	1,100	Eurotunnel	173	MEPC	339	Scot Power	3,958
Argyll	4,357	Fisons	1,701	Midland	4,301	Sears	5,966
Arjo Wigg	874	Forte	1,559	Natl Power	13,009	Severn Trnt	479
BAA	801	Gen Acc	1,069	Nat West	5,862	Shell	2,610
BET	2,112	GEC	4,413	N W Water	4,703	Smith & N	5,748
BTR	2,553	Glaxo	1,764	P&O	634	SK Beech	1,840
BAT	979	Grand Met	2,188	Pearson	246	Sun Allnce	1,279
Barclays	2,154	GUS 'A'	149	Pilkington	2,406	Tarmac	955
Bass	619	GRE	981	PowerGen	4,880	Tate Lyle	1,509
BICC	814	Guinness	1,189	Prudential	2,962	TSB	1,883
Bk Scotlnd	510	Hanson	9,143	Racal	27,366	Tesco	4,286
Blue Circle	1,324	Hawker	370	Rank	922	Thames Wtr	1,296
BOC	1,306	Hillsdown	2,478	R&C	197	Thorn EMI	886
Boots	448	ICI	764	Redland	658	Trafalgar	4,393
Br Aero	1,082	Inchcape	924	Reed	617	Ultramar	348
Br Airways	8,657	Kingfisher	1,703	Rentokil	36	Unilever	1,968
Br Gas	8,552	Lasmo	231	Reuters	748	United Bis	1,898
Br Petrol	5,134	Ladbroke	1,935	RMC Gp	197	Wellcome	460
Br Steel	2,739	Land Sec	456	RTZ	3,805	Whitbrd	780
Br Telecm	3,019	L&G	387	R-Royce	1,516	Williams	456
C&W	1,228	Lloyds	2,348	Rothmans 'B'	65	Willis Corl'n	510

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Aberforth Smlr (100p)	119	*Oryx Gold*	258
Aberforth Split (100p)	104	Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	63
Alliance Res	20	Sterling Tst	45
Brabant Res (155p)	112	Tollgate	90
Capital Ventures	*107 +2*	Trio Inv Tst (50p)	38
Claremont Gmts (175p)	170	US Smaller	102
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	105	Unichem	163 –1
Culver Hldgs (4p)	9½	● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*	
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	101	**RIGHTS ISSUES**	
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	88	Alan Paul N/P	1½
Eidos	38	Burton Gp N/P	4 +2¼
East Germany Inv (100p)	108	Dean & Bowes N/P	¾
Etonbrook	68	Explaura N/P	½
Eurocamp (225p)	240	Hemingway N/P	2
Gartmore Inc (100p)	107	Howden N/P	11½
Geared Inc (100p)	104	JLI Group N/P	15 –½
Greencore	232	Mountleigh N/P	¼
Greenwich Res	18	Scottish Value *N/P*	½
Headline Book (100p)	125 +2	Wheway N/P	¾ –¾
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	307 +1		
Manchester Utd (385p)	267		
Mirror Group (125p)	107 +½	(Issue price in brackets).	

WALL STREET

Dow tops closing high in early trade

New York

BLUE chips rose in late morning. The Dow Jones industrial average was 11 points higher at 3,037.61, passing its all-time closing high of 3,035. Rising shares outnumbered falls by almost seven to five.

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices closed lower on selling related to yesterday's expiration of August options. The Nikkei index fell 208.56 points, or 0.88 per cent, to 23,482.46, just above the day's low of 23,475.04. The Nikkei rose 226.06 points on Wednesday. Summer holidays, the start of Japan's high school baseball tournament and the extra *session of parliament, where* the broking scandal is being debated, kept most investors and dealers away from the market, brokers said.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed easier after partly recovering from a fall started by heavy withdrawals of deposits at Citibank branches here. The Hang Seng index ended 14.75 points down at 4,046.56 after a 22.09-point slide at midday. The American bank denied rumours of financial problems which provoked the withdrawals.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended mixed in thin volume as the market remained steady before an expected rise in German interest rates next week. The Dax index closed down 1.22 points at 1,630.21.

☐ **Sydney** — *After struggling* to go higher during the day, the all-ordinaries index gave way to close 2.7 points lower at *1,588.6.*

☐ **Singapore** — Prices closed mostly lower but above the day's lows on some late bargain-hunting in moderate pre-holiday trading, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index closed 2.97 points lower at *1,462.58.* *(Reuter)*

	Aug 8 midday	Aug 7 close		Aug 8 midday	Aug 7 close		Aug 8 midday	Aug 7 close
Abbott Lab	54¾	54¾	Enron	62¾	61¾	Oryx Energy	34¾	33¾
Aetna Life	36¾	36¾	Entergy	24¾	24¾	Pac Ent	28	27¾
Ahmanson	19	19	Ethyl	25¾	25¾	*Pac Gas Elec*	26¾	26¾
Air Prods	67	66¾	Exxon	58¾	58¾	Pac Telesis	43	42¾
Albertsons	39	39¾	Fed NMA	60	59¾	Paccar	46	46
Alcan Al	20¾	20¾	Fedrl Exprs	40¾	40¾	Pacificorp	22	21½
Alco Stand	33¾	33¾	Flt Norstar	24¾	24¾	Pall	36	36
Allied Signal	38	38	Fluor	44½	44	Paramount	39¾	39¾
Alumin CA	69½	69¾	FMC	47¾	46¾	Parker-Hanfn	26½	26¾
Am Brands	43½	43¾	Ford Motor	32¾	32¾	Penney	51¾	50¾
Am Cyanmd	65¾	66¾	FPL	32¾	32¾	Pennzoil	73¾	73¾
Am EPC	29¾	29¾	Fst Chicago	28¾	28¾	Pepsico	32¾	32¾
Am General	39½	39¾	Fst Intrste	28¾	27¾	Pfizer	65¾	65¾
Am Home	63½	62¾	Fst Union	25¾	25¾	Philips Pet	25¾	26¾
Am Intl	82¾	83	Gannett	46¾	46¾	Philips Elec	21	20½
Am Stores	42¾	41¾	GAP	36¼	36¾	Phlp Morris	71¾	71¾
Amax	22	22¼	Gen Cinema	22¾	22¾	Phlps Dodge	69¾	69¾
Amer Hess	58¾	58¾	Gen Elec	74¾	73¾	Pitney Bow	61¾	61¾
Ameritech	61¼	61¾	Gen Mills	62¾	63	Placer Dm	12½	12¾
Amex	28	28½	Gen Motors	40¾	40¾	PNC Fncl	41¾	41
Amoco	52¾	53¾	Gen RE	87	86¾	Pnhdle Estn	12¾	12¾
AMP	52	52¾	*Gen Signal*	44½	44¾	Polaroid	25¾	25½
AMR	63¾	62¾	Genuine Pts	41½	41¾	PPG Inds	56¾	57
Anheuser-B	51¾	51¾	Georgia-Pac	56	56½	Prctr Gmble	82¾	82¾
Apple Comp	51¾	50¾	Gillette	41¾	41¾	Price	52¾	53¾
Archer-Dan	25½	25	Goodrich	43¾	43½	Primerica	33½	33
Arkla	18¾	18¾	Goodyear	39½	38¾	Pub Service	27¾	27¾
Armco	4¾	4½	Grace	38	37¾	Quaker Oats	61½	61½
Armstrong	30¾	31¾	Greyhound	35¾	35¾	Ralston Pur	50½	49¾
Asarco	25¾	25¾	Gt Atlantic	42¾	42¾	Raychem	31	30
Ashland Oil	31	30¾	Gt Western	20¾	20¾	Raytheon	82½	83
AT&T	39¾	39¾	GTE	30	30	Reebok	30½	29¾
Atlan Richfld	121¾	122¾	Halliburtn	39	39½	Roadway	49	49¾
Auto DP	34½	34¾	Heinz	39½	39¾	Rockwell	27	27
Avery Denn	24¾	24½	Hercules	42¼	42	Rohm Haas	46¾	45½
Avon Prod	46¼	46¼	Hershey Fd	42¾	41¾	Royal Dutch	82¾	83½
Baltimore	31	30¾	Hewlett Pkd	54¾	54¾	Rubbermaid	58	58¼
Banc One	44½	44¾	Hilton Htl	41¾	41¾	Rynlds Mtl	60	59½
Bankamerica	37	36¾	Home Depot	49¾	49¾	Safeco	39¾	39¾
Bard	24¾	24¾	Homestake	16¾	16¾	Salomon	36¾	36¾
Barnett Bk	32¾	32¾	Honeywell	57¾	57¾	Sant Fe Pac	10	9¾
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CAI	8¾	9¾	Kellogg	106¾	107½	Sun Co	30¾	30¾
Campbell Sp	82¾	81¾	Kerr-McGee	41½	42	Sunest Bk	33¾	33¾
Cap Cities	482	463	Kimbly-Clrk	92¾	92½	Super Valu	28¾	29
Capital HC	44	43¾	Knght-Rddr	54¾	53¾	SW Bell	54¾	54¾
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Caterpillar	49¾	49	Limited	30¾	31½	Sysco	44¾	45¾
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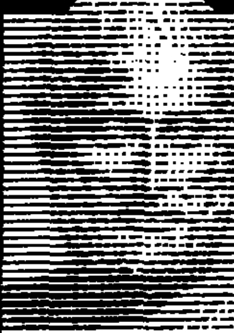
Champion	27¾	27½	Litton Ind	84¾	83¾	Tele-comm	13½	13½
Chase Man	19¾	19¾	Lockheed	44¾	44¾	Teledyne	19¾	18¾
Chem Bnkg	27	26¾	Louis-Pac	43¾	43¾	Temple-In	45¾	45¾
Chevron	71¾	72	Manu Hano	30½	29¾	Tenneco	42¾	39¾
Chrysler	12½	12¾	Marriott	18¼	18¾	Texaco	63¾	63¾
Chubb	71¾	72¾	*Marsh Mclen*	78½	78¾	*Texas Inst*	32¾	32¾
Cigna	45¾	45½	Martin Mar	57	58¾	Texas Util	37½	38¼
Citicorp	13¾	14¾	Masco	23¾	23½	Textron	33¾	33¾
Clorne Liz	42¾	43¾	May Dept	54¾	54½	Time Wrnr	87½	88½
Clorox	41¾	41¾	Maytag	15¾	15¾	Times Mirr	32½	31¾
Cmwlth Edis	38¾	38¾	McDnl Doug	53¾	53¾	Timken	27¾	27¾
CNA Fincl	79¾	79¾	McDonalds	32½	32¾	Torchmark	50½	50¾
Coastal	31	31	*McGraw-Hill*	56¾	55½	Toys R Us	32¾	32¼
Coca-Cola	63¾	63¾	MCI Com	28¾	28½	Transam	33¾	33¾
Colgate-Pal	40¾	40¾	Mead	34¾	34¾	Travelers	20	19½
Columb Gas	16	15½	Medtronic	129¾	130	Tribune	47	46¼
Compaq	35¼	35¾	Mellon Bk	33¾	32½	TRW	44½	44½
Conagra	44¾	45¾	Melville	47¾	46½	Tyco Lab	44¾	44¾
Cons Edis	25¾	26½	Merck	128¼	128¾	UAL	143¾	141¼
Cons NG	38¾	39¾	Merll Lynch	42	42	Un Camp	42¾	43½
Cons Rail	70¾	70½	Minnesota	86½	86¾	Un Carbide	21¾	21½
Cooper Ind	54	54¾	Mobil	67¾	67¾	Un Pacific	88¾	89½
Corning	66½	66	Monsanto	72¾	72¾	Unilever	82½	83½
CPC Intl	89¾	88¾	Moore	24½	25¾	Unisys	4¾	3¾
Crown Cork	86¾	86¾	Morgan JP	53¾	53¾	Unocal	25½	25¾
CSX	49	49¾	*Motorola*	64¾	65¾	*Upjohn*	45¾	45½
Dana	31½	32	Nat Medical	47¾	46¾	US Life	41¾	41½
Dayton-Hud	69¾	69¾	Nat Semi	5½	6	US West	36¾	36¾
Deere	52	50¾	Nat Service	24¾	24½	Usair Gp	12½	12½
Delta Air	74	74	Navistar	3¾	3¾	USF&G	8¾	7¾
Deluxe	45¾	45½	NCNB	35¾	34¾	UST	46¾	46½
Detroit Ed	30¾	30¾	NCR	108¾	108¾	USX Mar	28	27¾
Digital Eq	66¾	65¾	*NED Bncp*	41	40¾	Utd Tech	46	45¾
Dillard	124¼	125	Newmnt Min	37½	38¾	Utd Telcm	26½	26¾
Disney	120¾	119¾	Niagr Mhwk	16¾	16¾	VF	30¾	30¾
Dominion	50¾	50¾	Nike	44¾	44¾	Wal-Mart	48¾	48½
Donnelley	45¾	45¾	NL Indstrs	16¾	16¾	Waste Mgmt	38½	38¾
Dover	36¾	36¾	Nordstorm	47	47	Wells Fargo	73¾	69¾
Dow Chem	54¾	54¾	Norflk Sthn	49¾	49¾	Westg Elec	24½	24¾
Dow Jones	28¾	28¼	Norwest	29¾	30	Weyerhsr	27½	27¾
Dresser Ind	21¾	21¾	Nthn St Pwr	36¾	36¾	Whirlpool	36¾	35½
Du Pont	50	48¾	Nthn Telcm	38¾	38¾	Whitman	13¾	13¾
Duke Pwr	29¾	29¾	NY Times	22	22	Winn-Dixie	35¾	35¾
Dun Bradst	45¾	45¾	Nynex	74	73¾	Woolworth	28¾	29½
East Kodak	41¾	41¾	Occid Petrl	24¾	24½	Wrigley	61¾	62¾
Eaton	63¾	63¾	*Ohio Edi*	19¾	19	Wlmr-Lamb	69¾	69¾
Emerson El	46¾	46¾	Oracle Sys	9¾	9¾	Xerox	55¾	55¾

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	Amsterdam:	London:
Dow Jones .... 3026.83 (+0.22)*	CBS Tendency .... 92.8 (–0.1)	FT.–A All-Share .... 1241.56 (+1.89)
S&P Composite .... 390.87 (+0.31)*	Sydney: AO .... 1588.6 (–2.7)	FT.–"500" .... 1374.87 (+2.15)
Tokyo:	Frankfurt: DAX .... 1630.21 (–1.22)	FT. Gold Mines .... 178.2 (+1.5)
Nikkei Average ... 23482.46 (–208.56)	Brussels:	FT. Fixed interest .... 94.48 (–0.01)
Hong Kong:	General .... 5759.84 (–2.05)	FT. Govt Secs .... 85.68 (+0.03)
Hang Seng .... 4046.56 (–14.75)	Paris: CAC .... 469.90 (+2.14)	Bargains 28144
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1111.44 (–1.67)	Zurich: SKA Gen .... 545.2 (+0.4)	USM (Datastream) .... 125.41 (+0.40)



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NATIONAL GRID COMPANY (NORTHERN DIVISION)
"We at National Grid Company are pleased with the progress made with Doctus Consulting Europe and look forward to a successful conclusion under the new ownership".
STEVE SWIENTOZIELSKYJ Divisional Financial Controller, Northern Division.

BRINTONS LIMITED
"We are extremely pleased that the future of Doctus Consulting Europe has been secured in such a way as to ensure the continuation of what is proving a very successful project".
JOHN R. PILLING Director & Divisional Manager. Engineering.

MECANICA DE LA PENA BILBAO
"We are very pleased with the work Doctus Consulting Europe has done with us and wish them ongoing success in the future".
SENOR PEDRO ALMANDOZ Managing Director.

ELECTRICITY ASSOCIATION
"Doctus Consulting Europe carried out a 6 month project for the Electricity Association: it achieved its objectives and generated the cost savings we were looking for.
"We are glad to see that the team is not being broken up and is able to continue. We wish them well in the future".
ROGER A.FARRANCE C.B.E. Chief Executive

S & J INDUSTRIAL SAWS LIMITED
"Having used Doctus Consulting Europe, very successfully, on a number of projects over the past few years. I was concerned to hear of the problems being encountered by their parent company.
"*I am now delighted to hear that the Doctus team will be kept intact and are moving to a new parent. The merger with CRT appears to be ideal* for both companies and for clients, allowing the consultancy to capitalise on the skills and expertise developed so effectively over the years.
"I look forward to working with the Doctus team again in the future". **LAWRENCE JACKSON** Managing Director

A JOINT STATEMENT

CRT had been talking to Doctus Consulting Europe (DCE) prior to the problems at their previous parent company, and was thus well placed to move quickly, having already identified that there is a good strategic fit between DCE's and CRT's people and markets.

DCE was originally founded in 1976, and has since achieved steady growth in both turnover and client base. The management consultancy business employs a total of 75 staff plus associates. The consultancy specialises in the implementation of strategic change to achieve measurable improvements in performance and profitability for major organisations in both the public and private sectors. The unique strength of the Doctus approach lies in the ability consistently to deliver lasting results through a total organisational approach to resource utilisation.

CRT Group PLC is fully listed on the stock exchange and employs over 1000 people at 100 locations in the UK. The group's consolidated balance sheet is supported by substantial freehold properties, no debt, and significant net cash at bank.

Since its foundation in 1989, CRT has made a number of acquisitions in the fields of recruitment and training which have firmly established it in the UK market for these services. The acquisition of DCE will give CRT a significant presence in the management consultancy market for the first time, and hence represents a significant move towards achieving the overall strategic objectives of the CRT group. DCE and CRT will combine their mutual strengths to deliver high quality professional services throughout Europe.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank clients and employees for supporting the management consultancy during this very difficult time.

We have a secure future based on the solid track records and substantial forward contracts of both organisations. We are now looking forward to continuing to develop the business from a position of financial strength. We are convinced that the added value of this new partnership will ensure that DCE and CRT are at the forefront of the growing European consultancy, recruitment and training markets.

Karl Chapman
KARL CHAPMAN
Chief Executive CRT GROUP PLC, Chairman DCE

Denis Mahony
DENIS MAHONY
Managing Director DCE

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Mastertst Acc	93.63	98.76	-0.17	2.13
Ind	63.34	67.38	-0.20	1.31
Div/Gth	48.82	52.65●	+0.06	5.65
Global Gth Sec	52.00	55.31	-0.05	1.81
Ethical	50.67	54.19	+0.06	3.12
High Inc Equity	137.1	145.8●	-0.1	5.83
W'wide Bond	204.3	217.0●	-0.4	6.91
Gilt/Fixed	114.5	121.4	-0.1	9.47
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
36, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 6801				
Am Inc/Gth	30.99	32.98	-0.11	2.42
Euro	71.58	75.95	+0.21	0.30
Euro Inc	74.87	78.99c	-0.03	1.95
Exmpt	772.3	797.8●	+3.0	5.12
Extra Inc	39.84	43.08	+0.12	5.78
F/E Emerg Ec	60.35	64.08●	-0.61	1.18
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	380.2	383.8	+0.3	5.31
Equity Inc	193.0	205.5●	+0.1	4.98
High Yield	212.1	225.8	+0.1	5.60
Balanced	355.0	381.0	-0.2	3.10
Am Inc	34.86	37.11●	+0.08	4.19
World Ass Val	32.85	34.95c	+0.05	1.52
Japan	138.5	146.6	+0.2	0.01
Sec of Am	318.5	337.0	+2.1	0.01
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capt	88.86	95.40●	-0.19	3.68
Euro Gth Inc	94.22	100.5c	+0.20	1.78
Extra Inc	95.74	102.4	..	6.28
General	204.4	218.8	+0.1	3.90
Gt/Fxd Income	51.85	53.73	+0.05	8.99
Inc Trust	425.1	454.8●	-0.3	5.15
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 081-658 9002				
Amer Gth	67.82	71.81●	+0.10	0.40
Am Sm Cos	74.99	79.75	+0.04	0.20
Australia	60.65	65.05	-0.38	1.90
Convertible	44.78	47.89	..	8.40
East	134.4	143.3	-1.7	1.20
Equity Inc	76.58	81.44	+0.05	5.70
Euro Gth	179.7	191.1	+0.2	2.20
Euro Smlr Cos	154.2	164.9	+0.1	1.40
Exmpt	69.70	71.97●	..	4.00
German Gth	46.27	49.42	+0.07	1.00
Global Gth	82.68	88.22	-0.27	1.00
Jap Gth	155.9	166.8●	-0.2	0.00
Jap Sunrise	142.9	152.5	-1.8	0.00
Portfolio	98.11	103.4c	+0.20	3.70
Do Acc	166.8	173.8c	+0.3	3.70
UK Growth	54.30	57.78	-0.13	4.30
UK Smlr Cos	67.59	72.71	+0.08	2.80
Select Man	53.50	56.91	+0.09	3.00
BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD PO Box 126 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3600				
Euro Gth	82.35	88.06	-0.11	1.49
1992 Euro Spc	51.23	55.49●	+0.16	1.49
Intl Inc	66.03	70.61	+0.04	3.02
NAm Gth	51.02	54.48●	-0.22	1.67
Pacific Gth	75.45	80.68	-0.57	1.87
UK Gth Acc	80.81	86.41	+0.05	2.80
Do Dist	71.89	76.87	+0.05	3.97
UK Income	62.38	66.69	+0.11	5.75
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	80.83	86.45	-0.05	2.71
Do Inc	76.33	81.63	-0.05	2.71
Global Bond	22.65	24.22	+0.02	6.58
High Yield Acc	40.68	43.49●	+0.09	5.18
Do Inc	32.22	34.46●	+0.07	5.18
Inc Gth Acc	60.02	64.19	+0.22	5.18
Do Inc	42.51	45.46	+0.15	5.18
Service Co Acc	66.00	70.59	..	2.48
Do Inc	62.74	67.10	-0.01	2.48
Am Gth Acc	32.82	35.10●	+0.31	1.28
Do Inc	32.21	34.44●	+0.29	1.28
Euro Gth Acc	26.88	28.75	-0.12	1.86
Do Inc	26.39	28.22	-0.12	1.86
Managed Port	25.24	26.99	+0.02	0.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	107.1	114.1c	+0.1	4.14
Smlr Cos Acc	180.7	192.4	-0.4	0.90
Do Inc	108.8	115.9	-0.2	1.99
High Inc	66.48	70.80	-0.07	6.18
Income	97.58	104.4	..	5.19
Man Portf Inc	81.09	86.36●	+0.16	2.41
Do Acc	147.4	157.0●	+0.3	2.20
Nth Amer	76.58	81.54	+0.12	0.27
Orient	100.0	107.8	-1.1	0.38
Exmpt	288.0	303.8	+0.7	4.47
Recov	32.21	34.20	+0.54	3.44
German	36.74	39.39	+0.38	0.10
Intl Recov	28.32	30.16	+0.17	0.28
Europe	20.96	22.58	+0.15	0.50
Conv Genrl	17.04	18.15	-0.49	10.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4542 Dealing 01-247 7474				
Fellowship Inc	53.58	57.02	-0.08	2.80
Do Acc	57.80	61.49	-0.08	2.80
Inc Fund 3	168.7	179.5	+0.2	5.96
Do Acc 3	358.1	381.0	+0.4	5.96
Inv Port Inc	53.42	56.29●	-0.04	3.01
Do Acc	56.43	60.48●	-0.04	3.01
Smlr Inc 5	92.17	97.70●	-0.14	3.37
Do Acc	106.3	112.7●	-0.1	3.37
Hi Inc Prf Inc	49.87	51.16●	+0.08	8.25
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-480 7216				
Sht Gt Fxd Int	62.00	62.81	+0.03	8.92
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105 Manchester M60 8AH Tel: 061-837 5060				
Environ	101.1	107.6	+0.1	2.41
UK Growth	115.6	123.0●	..	2.77
UK Income	108.1	115.0	+0.2	5.63
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876				
SE Asia	52.79	56.46	-0.52	2.20
Growth	39.91	42.68●	+0.34	3.12
Income	48.39	51.75●	+0.36	6.22
Far East	39.48	42.13●	-0.34	0.79
Nth Amer	54.50	58.29●	+0.01	0.60
Global	60.77	65.00	-0.02	0.29

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* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 90.9 (day's range 90.9-91.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 8	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2914-3.2981	3.2945-3.2981	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Brussels	60.06-60.36	60.12-60.32	12-8pr	27-18pr
Copenhagen	11.3066-11.3467	11.3181-11.3418	2-1⅛pr	4⅞-3⅞pr
Dublin	1.0930-1.0980	1.0960-1.0970	15-8pr	33-23pr
Frankfurt	2.9241-2.9300	2.9286-2.9300	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Lisbon	250.01-251.90	250.77-251.77	89-187ds	231-318ds
Madrid	182.55-183.69	183.07-183.69	21-31ds	65-82ds
Milan	2187.68-2193.69	2190.48-2193.47	par-2ds	3-5ds
Montreal	1.9508-1.9706	1.9508-1.9545	0.42-0.35pr	0.83-0.74pr
New York	1.7030-1.7175	1.7030-1.7040	0.78-0.77pr	2.23-2.21pr
Oslo	11.4079-11.4490	11.4186-11.4424	1¼-⅝pr	2⅝-1⅝pr
Paris	9.9386-9.9626	9.9396-9.9639	1⅜-1⅛pr	3⅝-3pr
Stockholm	10.8063-10.8440	10.8165-10.8398	1-⅝pr	1⅝-⅜pr
Tokyo	232.03-233.01	232.03-232.34	⅜-⅜pr	2⅝-2pr
Vienna	20.5431-20.5973	20.5586-20.5677	3⅝-2⅝pr	8⅝-5⅝pr
Zurich	2.5596-2.5636	2.5596-2.5626	⅝-⅜pr	2-1⅝pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16869.4-16916.3
Australia dollar	2.1748-2.1781
Bahrain dinar	0.644-0.652
Brazil cruzeiro *	605.97-606.84
Cyprus pound	0.803-0.813
Finland marka	7.0276-7.0675
Greece drachma	321.90-325.10
Hong Kong dollar	13.2324-13.2420
India rupee	43.68-44.08
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.7209-4.7255
Mexico peso	5180-5280
New Zealand dollar	2.9676-2.9746
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.4025-6.4825
Singapore dollar	2.9380-2.9417
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4063-5.4968
S Africa rand (com)	4.8620-4.8735
U A E dirham	6.27-6.35

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2751-1.2763
Austria	12.04-12.06
Belgium (Com)	35.34-35.38
Canada	1.1459-1.1464
Denmark	6.6250-6.6300
France	5.8420-5.8470
Germany	1.7150-1.7160
Hong Kong	7.7619-7.7629
Ireland	1.5550-1.5585
Italy	1284.0-1285.0
Japan	136.30-136.40
Malaysia	2.7681-2.7691
Netherlands	1.9330-1.9340
Norway	6.7020-6.7070
Portugal	147.40-147.60
Singapore	1.7230-1.7240
Spain	107.55-107.65
Sweden	6.2310-6.2360
Switzerland	1.5010-1.5015

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 11½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11½ Low 11 Week fixed: 10⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 10⁹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 10⁹⁄₁₆ . Sell: 2 mth 10⁷⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 10⁷⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10²³⁄₃₂-²¹⁄₃₂	10⁹⁄₁₆-10¹⁷⁄₃₂	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	-10⁹⁄₃₂-⁷⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates:	11⅛-11	11¹⁄₁₆-11	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	10¹³⁄₁₆-10⅝
Interbank:	11¹⁄₁₆-11	11⅛-11	10³¹⁄₃₂-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝	10⅝-10⅝
(Overnight: open 11⅛, close 13.)					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	5⅝	5⅝	6⅝
Sterling CDs:	11¹⁄₃₂-10³¹⁄₃₂	10³¹⁄₃₂-²⁹⁄₃₂	10⅝-10⅝	10¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆	10¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.60-5.55	5.62-5.57	5.62-5.57	5.77-5.72	6.05-6.00
Building Society CDs:	11¹⁄₃₂-10³¹⁄₃₂	11¹⁄₃₂-10³¹⁄₃₂	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10⅝	10²⁹⁄₃₂-10⅝	10²³⁄₃₂-10⅝

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5¼	5⅝-5⁷⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5½	5¹³⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅝-4⅞
Deutschemark:	9-8⅞	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8⅞	9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆	9⅛-9⅝	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅛-9	9⅛-9⅛	9³⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆	9⅝-9⅞	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	7⅞-7⅞	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	8-7
Yen:	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⁵⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $356.50-357.00 Close: $356.80-357.30 High: $358.00-358.50 Low: $356.40-356.90 Krugerrand: $356.25-357.25 (£208.75-209.75)
Sovereigns: Old $83.75-84.75 (£49.00-50.00) New $83.50-84.50 (£48.75-49.75)
Platinum: $354.80 (£208.05) Silver: $3.98 (£2.325) Palladium: $86.25 (£50.55)

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 26, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%. Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.136%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 39027	Sep 91	2627.0	2634.0	2619.0	2631.0	3634
	Dec 91	2664.0	2668.0	2664.0	2674.0	48
	Mar 92	2703.0	2703.0	2703.0	2711.0	50
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 138347	Sep 91	89.24	89.25	89.20	89.23	11661
	Dec 91	89.72	89.73	89.68	89.70	6269
	Mar 92	89.97	89.97	89.93	89.95	1811
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 30036	Sep 91	94.24	94.25	94.22	94.25	1291
	Dec 91	93.93	93.94	93.90	93.93	1255
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 123636	Sep 91	90.61	90.62	90.59	90.62	5066
	Dec 91	90.62	90.62	90.59	90.61	6571
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3629	Sep 91	96-18	96-24	96-16	96-23	1217
	Dec 91				95-31	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 46083	Sep 91	93-09	93-18	93-07	93-18	15746
	Dec 91	93-15	93-23	93-15	93-21	102
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91	98.63	98.63	98.56	98.58	8
	Dec 91	98.93	98.97	98.90	98.92	312
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 86020	Sep 91	84.42	84.42	84.28	84.36	24884
	Dec 91	84.50	84.56	84.47	84.52	2845
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 5093	Sep 91	90.08	90.08	90.03	90.04	97
	Dec 91	90.13	90.14	90.12	90.13	154

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COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Sep	655-652	Sep	519-517	Oct	207.8-07.4
Dec	691-689	Nov	541-540	Dec	198.0-91.4
Mar	725-724	Jan	563-562	Mar	193.0-92.4
May	743-742	Mar	581-578	May	195.4-93.4
Jul	761-760	May	unq	Aug	195.0-92.8
Sep	777 BID	Jul	unq	Oct	197.0-95.4
Dec	803-801	Sep	unq		
Vol: 5560		Vol: 6194		Vol: 519	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	111.45	Sep	109.80	Aug	unq
Nov	115.15	Nov	113.75	Oct	129.00
Jan	118.85	Jan	117.15	Dec	133.50
Mar	121.85	Mar	119.75	Feb	138.00
May	124.85	May	121.45	Apr	138.50
Vol:	63	Vol:	128	Vol:	35

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 92

	Open	Close
Oct (£/tonne)	unq	90.0
Apr	101.0	103.0
May	unq	112.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	82.41	122.64	105.75
(+/-)	-0.76	-0.10	-0.98
Eng/Wales:	82.41	123.14	106.80
(+/-)	-0.57	+0.42	-0.58
(%)	-6.1	-33.1	-25.2
Scotland:	n/a	118.45	106.48
(+/-)	n/a	-4.46	-2.89
(%)	n/a	-31.7	-49.2

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close
Aug	unq	93.5
Sep	unq	92.0
Oct	100.0	100.5

Volume: 21

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Crude levels were higher as North Sea operational problems persist.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.70	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Aug)	19.75	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.65	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.65	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	21.55	+0.25

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT) Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	242 (n/c)	245 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	186 (+2)	187 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Aug	188 (+2)	187 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	187 (+1)	189 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	66 (n/c)	68 (n/c)
Naphtha	200 (+3)	202 (+3)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Aug	184.00-83.75	Dec	190.50-90.00
Sep	185.75-85.50	Jan	188.50-88.00
Oct	187.75-87.50	Feb	184.00 BID
Nov	189.50-89.00		Vol: 6934

BRENT

Aug	19.70-19.75	Oct	19.65-19.70
Sep	19.60-19.65		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 91	1495	1470	1493
Sep 91	1570	1535	1570
Oct 91	1645	1625	1639
Jan 92	1660	1635	1665

Vol: 189 lots Open Interest: 2381
Dry cargo index 1442 +5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1316.0-1316.0	1337.0-1337.5	517525
Lead (£/tonne)	322.50-322.75	333.25-333.50	89675
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1064.0-1065.0	1078.5-1079.0	357925
Tin ($/tonne)	5705.0-5710.0	5790.0-5795.0	8730
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1272.0-1273.0	1303.0-1304.0	604200
Nickel ($/tonne)	8260.0-8265.0	8250.0-8256.0	9348

FOX MEAT INDEX (Spm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Sep	139.50	140.50
Dec	141.00	142.00
Mar	141.50	142.50

Vol: 333

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
2	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
3	Halstead (James)	Chemicals,Plas	
4	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
5	Lex Service	Motors,Aircraft	
6	Rugby Group	Building,Roads	
7	Northumbrian	Water	
8	Brierley Inv	Industrials A-D	
9	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
10	Ocean Group	Transport	
11	Br Aerospace	Motors,Aircraft	
12	Redland	Building,Roads	
13	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
14	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
15	Fairey Group	Industrials E-K	
16	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
17	Elec Data Process	Electricals	
18	Delta	Electricals	
19	Eurotunnel Units	Transport	
20	Brake Bros	Foods	
21	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
22	Trinity Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
23	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
24	NFC	Transport	
25	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
26	Pilkington	Industrials L-R	
27	Steetley	Building,Roads	
28	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
29	Wimpey G	Building,Roads	
30	Sthn Water	Water	
31	Power Corp	Property	
32	BAA	Transport	
33	Renishaw	Industrials L-R	
34	BICC	Electricals	
35	Mansfield	Breweries	
36	Grand Met	Breweries	
37	Pearson	Newspapers,Pub	
38	Racal Elect	Electricals	
39	Portals	Industrials L-R	
40	BCC Group	Industrials E-K	
41	Barratt (H)	Industrials A-D	
42	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
43	Staveley	Industrials S-Z	
44	Enterprise	Oil,Gas	

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SHOES, LEATHER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
62	37	Headlam	45	50	..	3.2	6.7	13.6
288	183	Lambert Howarth	259	260	+5	15.8	5.9	7.4
79	40	Pittard Garnar	75	82	..	0.3	0.4	..
32	13½	Strong & Fisher	23	25	..	..	..	..
285	253	Style	253	258	..	12.0	4.7	90.1

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TOBACCOS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
772	558	BAT	735	740●	+2	42.5	5.8	20.2
10¾	835	Rothmans 'B'	10¾	10¾●	..	24.7	2.3	13.2

TRANSPORT

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WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
393	281	Anglian Water	382	385●	+1	23.3	6.4	7.3
385	256	Northumbrian	364	370●	+5	24.8	6.8	5.6
380	251	North West	366	368●	-1	24.0	6.5	5.8
349	226	Severn Trent	327	330●	-1	23.4	7.1	5.1
349	221	Sthn Water	319	325●	+2	23.6	7.3	6.0
368	236	South West	342	345●	+6	26.7	7.8	5.2
384	253	Thames Water	369	373●	..	23.3	6.3	6.0
387	269	Welsh Water	383	386●	+2	28.0	7.1	4.5
387	255	Wessex Water	378	384●	+1	23.8	6.2	6.5
401	264	Yorkshire Water	375	379●	+1	23.8	6.3	7.2

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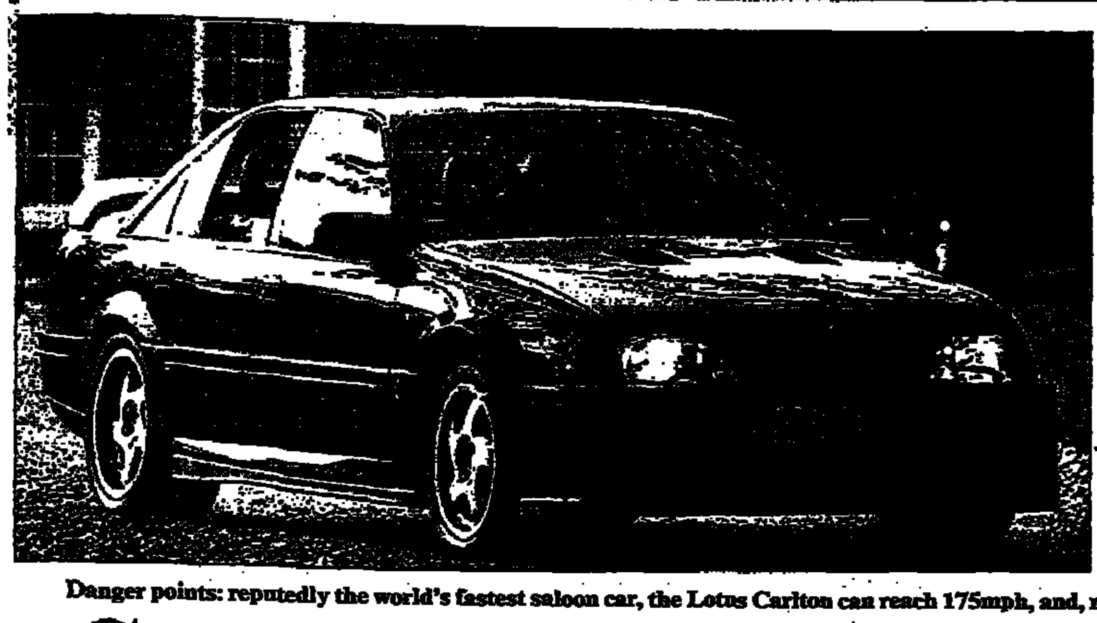
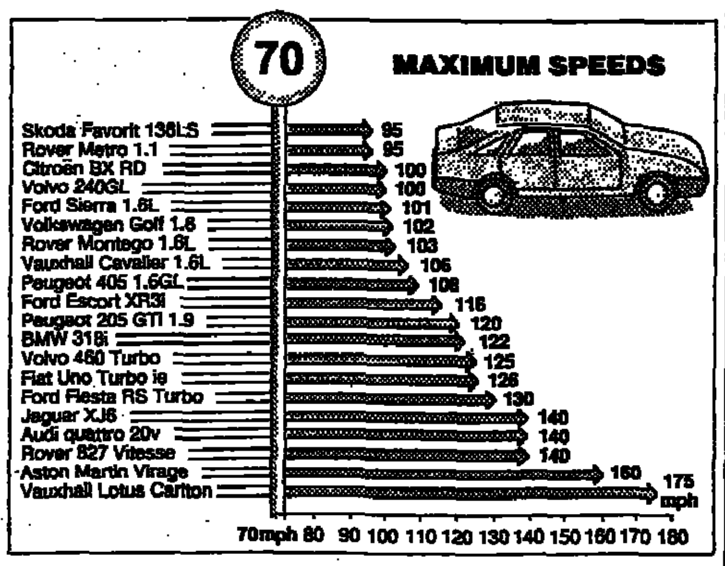




Danger points: reputedly the world's fastest saloon car, the Lotus Carlton can reach 175mph, and, right, how models from leading manufacturers can exceed the limit

Speed demon that lurks within

Cars with power to burn and drivers who over-estimate their abilities are wreaking havoc on our roads, **Kevin Eason** reports

In the idealised world of television advertising, the vicar with his new car is overtaken by a little boy on a bicycle. This fictional world, however, belies the truth that the young cyclist would probably have been swept aside by ruthless motorists incapable of observing speed limits.

Britain spends about £5 billion a year dealing with road accidents in which 5,000 people die, more than 13 a day. Few of these deaths are caused by mechanical failure; many are caused by downright daft driving.

The problem with speed is that few motorists seem able to face the truth about themselves at the wheel. Nobody is ever a bad driver but everyone else is. They break the speed limit on motorways because everybody else does and they have to keep up with the traffic flow.

According to an AA survey published this week on motorists' attitudes to advertising, British motorists are veritable saints whose worries are about the crumple zones in their car and the wildflowers dying at the side of the road because of pollution.

Researchers discovered that half of the motorists surveyed were more interested in economy figures than speed or performance. More than a third said they wanted to know more about economy. Only 5 per cent said they wanted more information on acceleration and top speeds. What did the researchers expect? Asking motorists whether they believe safety *and the environment is more* important than speed is like asking whether television viewers like watching sex and violence. Hardly anybody replies: "Yes, I love sex and violence."

Motorists are no different. They are in favour of safety and the environment ... so long as they do not have to slow down for them.

Go for a 70mph run on the M1 and count the cars streaming past you. Many cars nudging 100mph in the outside lane will not be Porsches or Ferraris, but Fords, Vauxhalls and Rovers. At least there is a good chance that the person in the Porsche will be interested in driving and know something about the car's limits. There is also a chance these days that he, or she, has taken advantage of the high-performance driving courses run by the manufacturer.

But the car-makers must shoulder the blame for making cars that can travel too fast. There is also no doubting the hypocrisy of their public statements condemning the promotion of speed while producing super-fast cars.

Speed is accessible to all now. Any 18-year-old with more money than sense can drive a GTi-type model capable of fierce acceleration and almost twice the speed limit. The government must take *some of the blame for road deaths* because it is unwilling to tackle the issues of tougher driving tests and restrictions on young drivers.

The driving test is too easy and proves little about a learner's skill. The system operated in Northern Ireland where newly qualified drivers have to display an R-plate (restricted) for a year and are restricted to a maximum speed of 45mph is long overdue on the mainland.

But more than anybody, motorists are to blame: for complaining about other road users and not admitting to their own limitations; for treating driving too casually and for refusing to understand that their car is not a status symbol but a potentially lethal weapon.

ROADWISE

Diesels in demand

THE popularity of diesel cars continues to grow. Their share of the market has risen to 8 per cent, which is still a long way behind the proportion in other countries, where diesel is much cheaper than in Britain and diesel cars can account for 30 per cent of sales. Citroën is optimistic that new, cleaner diesels will catch on and says 75,000 BX models have already been sold this year.

Care on the Costa

A FREE helpline is available for motorists touring Spain who run into trouble on the Costa Brava this year. The AA service gives access to police, medical and insurance services, consulates and official organisations. The line is open from 8am to 1am and can be reached by phoning 900-312-312.

More tough tyres

PIRELLI is extending the availability of the ultra-high-performance tyre it made for the 200mph Ferrari F40 to less exotic makes. The P Zero, as the tyre is known, will be on sale in 30 sizes to fit cars from the VW Golf GTi upwards.

Days of Triumph

MG WORLD adds another classic name to its exhibition this year. Triumph cars will be on show to make the two-day exhibition starting on August 31 a reminder of Britain's heritage of sports cars. Stirling Moss, the former racing driver, will open the show on the first day by driving an MG Midget into the National Exhibition Centre, near Birmingham.

RAC faces east

THE RAC may buy Japanese for its next generation of go-anywhere patrol cars. The organisation is taking 17 Isuzu Trooper 4x4 vehicles, painted white, for evaluation as rescue vehicles during the next year. The Trooper is a direct rival to the British-built Land-Rover Discovery.

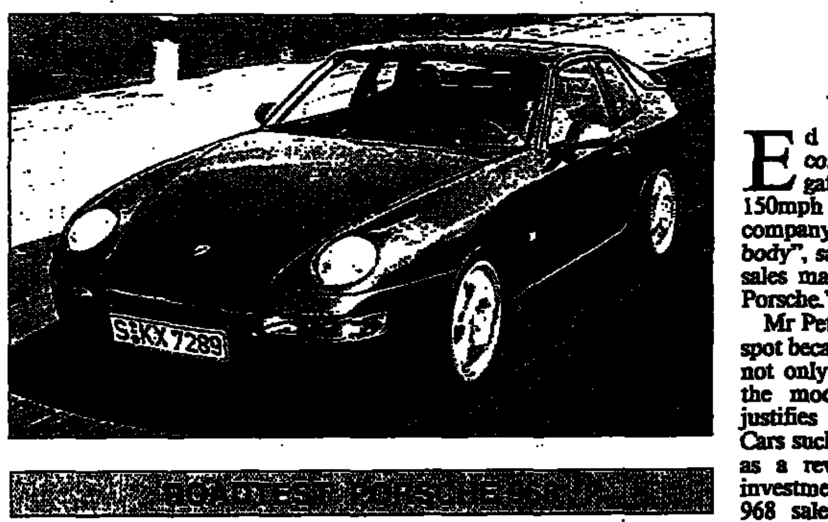
Carried away

AMONG many useless facts available for stopping conversation *dead at parties this week comes* this one: there has been a surge in the number of women buying roof racks, according to Thule, a Swedish manufacturer of ... roof racks. The company reports that

calls from women — many "independent, single women involved in sports such as windsurfing, golf and cycling" — have tripled this year. Well I never.

Bentley sell-out

THE £160,000 Bentley Continental R goes on show in the United States for the first time this month. The first two years' production has already been sold. Orders have come from Americans, even though they will not see the car until next week.



Price about £45,000; engine three-litre, 16-valve, four-cylinder giving 240bhp at 6200rpm. Three-way catalytic closed loop converter, with six-speed manual, or Tiptronic automatic gearbox. Performance (for manual only) 0 to 60 6.5secs, top speed 156mph, fuel consumption (official figures) 19.1mpg around town, using 98 RON (super unleaded).

Another Porsche nobody needs

The sumptuous new model from Germany is an expensive luxury but the drivers who can afford this car will find it a pleasure

Ed Peter seemed to have *committed the ultimate* gaffe as he launched the new 150mph Porsche 968 on which his company's future hangs. "Nobody", *said the company's export* sales manager, "actually needs a Porsche."

Mr Peter was not sacked on the spot because his sentiment reflects not only Porsche's confidence in the model but the truth that justifies the exotic automobile. Cars such as the Porsche are seen as a reward, status symbol or investment by their owners. The 968 sales pitch underlines fun, passion and safe exhilaration. Getting from A to B is neither here nor there.

The 968 replaces the 944 and will arrive at British dealerships in *January, reaching the first customers* in March after they have parted with upwards of £45,000.

Whether or not anybody needs a *156mph two-plus-two* with rear seat room for only a folded newspaper is, Mr Peter admits, a moot point, but the buying public has shown that such cars have a place.

Yet that place is under pressure. Sales in Britain are down by 47 per cent. This month, Porsche expects to sell only 400 cars in Britain compared with 700 last August. So far this year, the German company has sold fewer than 1,000 cars, *against 2,000 for the same period* last year.

For every five 911s sold, Porsche hopes to sell four 968s, so *the need for the 968 to succeed* cannot be underestimated.

The 968 comes in coupé and cabriolet form, although lack of development funds mean there is no turbo-charged version. There is 240bhp on tap through a new six-speed gearbox to take the car to twice the motorway speed limit, while 0 to 60 comes up in 6.5 seconds.

The flexible engine sounds *sportier in the coupé version*, and with the racing-derived chassis and vastly competent brakes and suspension, the car feels ultra-safe.

About 80 per cent of the 968 is new or modified, although the floorpan, roof and doors come from the 944. In the crushed plum-coloured cabin, only a different clock and new temperature gauge tell the driver this is not a 944. The 968 borrows externally the trapezoid shapes of the *911* for wing mirrors and bonnet, and new pop-up headlights feature variable-focus lenses for more powerful beams.

Being 6ft 4in tall, my head made *firm* contact with the closed roof of the cabriolet version, although the coupé accommodated me easily. Leg room for me in the front *passenger seat was inadequate* and my size 12 shoes had trouble with a narrowing foot well. Strangely, there is plenty of room for leg and *foot when driving.*

The car sells for 89,800 marks in Germany. In Britain the basic 968 will cost about £45,000.

As Mr Peter went on to say, "You do not have to buy a Porsche. You do not need a Porsche, but you also do not have to have a Rolex instead of a Timex or a candlelit supper instead of a hamburger."

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By Derek Harris

TOUGHER bank attitudes to small businesses are already bringing a bigger switch to venture capital as a source of funding.

The Linc organisation – it stands for Local Investment Networking Company – has seen a surge in enquiries and a greater flow of investments, according to Fiona Conoley, its general manager.

In the past seven months, Linc has brought together investors and six cash-hungry businesses to the value of £290,000. The biggest single stake was £150,000 but more usually about £30,000 is involved, put up mostly by entrepreneurs who have themselves "made good".

Such sums are typical of smaller businesses and well below the scales, often from a £250,000 minimum, that interest many venture capital providers.

Linc has so far seen 10 per cent find funding. It grew out of a financing "marriage bureau" first tried by the London Enterprise Agency. There are now 12 local enterprise agencies* operating the network.

When banks cut back on overdrafts or refuse loans, entrepreneurs for the first time can find themselves considering what was previously unpalatable: an outsider taking a stake in their business. Derek Sach, managing director UK for 3i in London, Britain's biggest venture capital provider, says it is a good thing for attention to be focused on equity funding. "A business needs to be soundly financed which points to a need for equity."

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"I'm getting some practice in for when we're required to wear nametags."

Smallbone to big time again

By David Askham

FOUR generations of West Country forebears had worked as cabinet makers, so Mark Wilkinson had the scent of wood shavings in his nostrils. But, loath at first to follow family tradition, he tried several different jobs.

Then he recognised his strengths were manual dexterity, design sense and good taste. He says: "I was a great dreamer. I could sit or stand for hours looking and seeing, soaking up images. I felt the urge to translate these ideas into some tangible form. So I reverted to family skills and started off as a journeyman joiner."

He thinks his outstanding talent is to make things "look right". Even now he does not commit ideas to working drawings, preferring to build a piece of furniture from the idea in his mind. He uses designers to convert the concept to production drawings.

He first started making furniture in Minehead, Somerset, and then joined forces with a friend in Devizes, Wiltshire, teaming up his design skill with his partner's business acumen. It was the start of Smallbone, the leading fitted furniture maker.

There Mr Wilkinson designed kitchens and set up the production system. A few years later he decided to launch a more designled business of his own, so made a fresh start in 1982, thinking he had left kitchen-making behind.

His garage became the workshop for building quality furniture, which he and his wife, Cynthia, then took to craft fairs around the country. They sold enough to pay the mortgage – in the first full year turnover was £22,000 – and gradually the business built up.

Holding his own in a recession-hit market: Mark Wilkinson sees sales rise by about 20 per cent

Mr Wilkinson has this advice: "The Rural Crafts Association organises the fairs and is a marvellous proving ground for young entrepreneurs. It helped us place new and original products before potential buyers."

One customer asked for a fitted kitchen and Mr Wilkinson hesitated. However, he took the order and a new phase for the Wilkinsons began. They were operating at the upper end of the market, with tailored bedrooms and bathrooms a natural addition and single orders falling in the £10,000-£30,000 price bracket.

The need for bigger premises initially entailed the conversion of an old motor garage in Bromham village, near Chippenham, Wiltshire, to a home, office and workshop. Subsequent growth saw them buying a redundant pig farm on the village's outskirts.

Four years into the business and turnover had reached £2 million. There has been growth in each subsequent year. The financial year to last March saw sales up about 20 per cent to what is expected to be £5.3 million when the accounts are finally drawn up.

"We are still holding our own and new products are being launched next month." This despite the recession. Being in a prestige sector has paid off for Mr Wilkinson.

However, while he says he competes on being better in design, finish, installation and after-sales service, he has also concentrated on containing production costs through improved management efficiency and a critical review of manning and stock levels, purchasing costs and general administration.

BRIEFINGS

☐ The Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland is sending 490 businesses a booklet on its strategic development planning scheme. The initiative, which started last week, aims to help businesses draw up development plans. An eligible business can receive up to 40 per cent of the cost of preparing a plan, with a £10,000 maximum. A £2,000 grant will also be available to help a business wishing to review its plan within three years.

☐ The results of a £1.35 million research project into small businesses will be presented at the Small Firms '91 conference for specialists supporting small businesses, organised by Lancashire Enterprises, Manchester Business School and Bolton Business Ventures at Blackpool on November 21-23. Information: Kevin Caley on 0772 735821.

☐ Lifeline, an initiative launched in Birmingham in March to save businesses hit by recession, is to be continued for at least another three months. Lifeline gives free consultancy for up to five days and has helped 100 businesses toward recovery. Details: 021-773 4555 or 021-456 1140.

☐ Federation of Crafts and Commerce, which claims 13,000 small business members, has improved its debt recovery service by joining forces with Commercial Collection Services. FCC has also negotiated a 10 per cent discount for members with Parcelforce's express delivery service. FCC contact: 0705 817224.

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Class II (Div 1): S L Casterton; C N Cunningham; J E Dunford; M J Garner; J A Grayson; A Hannaway; A J Hudson; B J Lynch; D J Malone; E J McLaughlin; S Y Mir-Shekari; J Sallis; D P Shipley; D A Smith; D J Sutherland; R G Verity
Class II (Div 2): B J Dakin; D J Griffin; S E Hall; A B Jones; K H Myatt; A M B Ross; C K Shepherd; J R K Spray; J D Stanland; J Turzanski; H C Wafford; C Woodford; S Yong; M Zamir

Biochemistry and Chemistry
Class II (Div 1): F J Ghadessy; S K A Jones
Class II (Div 2): A Majid

Biochemistry and Microbiology
Class II (Div 1): A J Millais
Class II (Div 2): R E Catterick; A J Crudace

Biochemistry and Physiology
Class I: C M Franks; L M Melton
Class II (Div 1): E A Harding
Class II (Div 2): R P Chilcott

Biotechnology
Class II (Div 1): P H Badakhchani; H F Berry; M Doring; R M Greene; K E Walker; A Watkins
Class II (Div 2): V J Dale; S K Rodgers

BA

Business Studies
Class I: S C Banner; M Carter; J M Padgett
Class II (Div 1): J S Allen; A Atkinson; I D Badger; N J Beedle; J N Bewick; D J Boorman; S Bowyer; T M Darby; K A Dowling; D J Edwards; A Evans; E J C Fish; D A Franklin; A J Greenhough; D Gunn; A H Houghton; S J Houston; T E Jones; C A Kelly; E C Mitchell; T R O Munns; P C Osmond; C M Perry; M D Potter; P A Ritchie; A L Robson; G R Saunders; P A Smith; M R Stephenson; M A Stevenson; A S Unwin; R J Wilber; M J Worley
Class II (Div 2): A J Baharani; M H Cole; S R Davis; A W Graham; A H Holgate; L M Jasper; M J Kenyon; A N Marsh; L C Peters; S B Pierpoint; E M C Rainbow; J H Ramage; P W Reeve; K A Robinson; C J Souter; P E Talbot; J Tse; S L Timmins
Class III: P C Malone
Pass: A M Groombridge; A V Welch

Business Studies and Economics
Class II (Div 1): C M J Cook; A J Horler; H G Russell
Class II (Div 2): L A Stamp
Class III: P R Davies

Business Studies and Japanese Studies
Class II (Div 1): N A Connolly; S C Law; J Radford
Class II (Div 2): C A Vickers

BSc

Chemical Physics
Class I: D J Wilton
Class II (Div 1): J Glenister
Class III: J D Callaway; A K Girdharry

BEng

Chemical Process Engineering and Biotechnology
Class II (Div 1): T Eims
Class II (Div 2): R K Horn
Pass: N Iqbal

Chemical Process Engineering and Fuel Technology
Class I: O B Bamidele; S D Mantell; M J Wardman
Class II (Div 1): R Bailey; P A Gale; J D Gulley; D Picken; R R Rashid; G Singh
Class II (Div 2): M Daruz; S Deraman; Z Ismail; Y A Mohamed Yusof; D J Ralph; S N Wan Abdul Halim
Class III: R Tissar

BSc

Chemistry
Class I: A D Clark; M J S Dwyer; R A Nicholls; S J Smale; A J Staples; B L Swinnerton; D L Trindell; E J B Walker; R Whitfield
Class II (Div 1): E S Anderson; D J Bayston; I G Beadham; M J Callaway; S R Collinson; J Cox; S C Davis; A M Downer; G N Griffiths; E L Hancox; A H Jones; M H Lavender; P B Leeson; L McCann; B Patel; D J Price; T E Rogers; C M Timperley; J A Wetherall
Class II (Div 2): S Allan; A R Balch; L Bates; D J Blake; J C Butler; M C Dickson; C Goulding; S Harrison; P J Howden; S Iqbal; A R J Jones; P Karam; J Mahey; E E Mandley; D McDonald; B A Munday; E M Pond; S Riley; A L Salto; A H Servante; A G Shacklady; M D Sharlow; W T Skelton; H W Tse; A L Wilson; I W Wong
Class III: D Antrobus; F Aziz; S G Bailey; T J M Buttress; T D Clewes; S P Davies; A W Dodd; C M Houghton; C T Jeske; N B Lugg; A E Malone; A Mohd-Zain; T J Snowden; M R Stephens; K E Taylor
Pass: C Cooper

Chemistry and Astronomy
Class II (Div 2): J A Smiles
Class III: A D G Dorward

Chemistry and Materials Science & Technology (Combined)
Class II (Div 1): W R I Cranstone

Chemistry and Pure Mathematics (Combined)
Class II (Div 1): A J Keaney
Class II (Div 2): S J Harrold; A L Hunt

BEng

Civil & Structural Engineering
Class I: M P Banton; R W M Chan; C P B Choi; J C Day; J E France; M Freeman; L Heitmann; K M Hennig; M H Ho; K D Holt; W K Leung; P C F Ng; T E Rainbow; C M Tsang; E M L Williams; R D H Williams
Class II (Div 1): B H Beachell; I J Cole; K M Harrison; Y C Ho; F A Horler; S W Kwong; C Y Lau; Y H Lee; S J Marshall; B N Northall; M R Osborn; P A Snoull; J C C Summers; C G Tan; C H Teo; N R Warwick; S L Wong
Class II (Div 2): D M Ashton; G J Barnicott; G P Bland; C P Chiew; K M Dallas; I R Graham; S C Halsall; M F Hayman; R T Hide; S H Kwan; S M Lai; S Y Li; S R Lightowler; G W Messenger; L C Roper; G Roxburgh; J D W Stretch; M J Stubbs; V Turner; H L J Udale
Class III: M J Al Bakri; K Hussain; A K Latoa; A Martin; T Mesingere; A B McQueen; A H M Ure; P G Whittaker
Pass: B M Basford; T F Higgins; I Richardson; S J Ruiz; C Sim; C E Smith; S Y Syed Mohd

MEng (4yr)

Civil & Structural Engineering
Pass: J B Glanville; A J Hill; D R Martin; N D Pierpoint; P J Sugden

BDS

Clinical Dentistry
Pass: P Aaraml; Z Ali; I Azmat; S D Ball; B A Bland; J Brandon; K H Brown; A C Buckle; M N Burton; J D Carey; H Cartner; B S Chatha; N D Crosthwaite; P G Dias; S J Faint; G S Gill; E Hughes; S L Johnson; G T King; S Makhija; S S Mavi; G D Marrick; J Mayer; T I Mirza; E R Moncrief; D A Nolan; J J O'Dwyer; J A Oliver; S K Patel; A M Pawson; J E Peel; J A Rawlinson; L Sangha; G M Saxon; W G Seddon; D A Storey; S A Tupper; G T Verrill

MB ChB

Clinical Medicine
Honours: J E Marsden; D O Thomas; N U Weir; I M Welch
Pass: M L Abbotson; J S Abernethy; M G Almeida; T M Almusmani; M W Aroos; D J Anderson; R C Avis; D S Bagary; P A Barber; M D A Barratt; A J Baxter; R J Berkley; E Blackford; D G S Blair; C M Blundell; D C M Boyle; M D Bramley; C V Bremner; C A Brennan; I F Brew; E J Brookes; P H Brunwell; J C Bundy; J M Bush; N M Campbell; S Campion; R A Carr; J S Cash; J M Coleman; H R Connelly; S J Conroy; L A Coppock; R F Crosher; C E Cunningham; S Deval; I J Dillon; J J Dinning; T J Douglas; R A Ellis; K M Emerson; R M Eyre; E W E Faulkner; T L Finn; P M Fisher; S J Frymann; J A Garcia; D A Gilmore; A E Giroiami; D R P Godden; J J Griffin; Y M Harrington; E L Harris; A D Hay; S Hepple; S D Hickling; W J C Hobbs; D I Hobday; L R Holbrook; V J Holloway; N D Howlett; T C Hughes; R L Jackson; R C Jenkins; G D Jenkins; R I Ketchell; C Kumar; S S Loke; N P Lord; J L C Luis; Z Majid; D S Mallett; J E Marr; P J Marshall; V J Millson; M D Mohamed; A D Morris; J Mountney; D K Nainwani; K W Nelson; A C Nelson-Iye; L J Newton; I R North; G V O'Hare; D S Otsey; J Parvizi; J M Phythian-Adams; P S Rathbone; G S Reid; K Sargent; F C Settle; N A Shaikh; I C Shaw; F A Shakeshon; R W Sherman; J R Smith; K A J Spaul; I T Tasker; M S Taylor; R H Temple; D A R Tomes; L J Tourret; A J Tristram; M M Vaughan; D A L Watt; C M Webb; M A Wells; M H R White; J M Wilkinson; C A Wilson; N S Wood; R J Wood; E C Woolfenden; M J Wright; D N Young

BSc

Computer Science
Class I: S Bacon; R S Bordon; C C C Cham; C P Morrissey
Class II (Div 1): J H Bean; D B Black; S M Dyer; P Greasby; T Haywood; M Lopez; A Sweeting
Class II (Div 2): S J Addy; M M Brown; A C Hinchliffe; M I Syed; K A Walsh
Class III: P A Hales; G Hodgson; J C Monks
Pass: G A Bloor; D Eroglu; B W Hitchcock

Computer Science and Mathematics
Class II (Div 1): P J Bowen; M McNair; G E Smith
Class II (Div 2): C R Cairns; P Michaelides; A M Simpson; I S Storr; J H Vincent

Computer Science and Statistics
Class II (Div 2): C K Diamantides; A W Page

BEng

Control Engineering
Class I: R J Hollands; C A Jones; M Nardi; S Tarpey; N A Winkcup
Class II (Div 1): K J Halliday
Class II (Div 2): K Darlsiotis; L McKenna; S J Riley
Pass: D A M Nee; R A O'Connor; M P Samson

BSc

Ecology and Geography
Class II (Div 1): B D J Byrne; J L Howard; R M Martin
Class II (Div 2): M A Sansom

BA

Economic & Social History and Geography
Class II (Div 1): K J Rowley

Economic & Social History and Politics
Class II (Div 2): A E Brazel; S C Jenkins

Economic & Social History and Social Policy
Class II (Div 1): J M Greenwood
Class II (Div 2): D H Hill

Economics
Class I: M J Ascroft; N J Shepherd; K S Swinburn
Class II (Div 1): R J Ford; M K Green; R A Kennedy; S McIver; W J Mew; V I Phillips; J P Pummell; A R J Russell; S R Shaw; S L Thompson; B Unwin
Class II (Div 2): A Brewster; J Brogan; J Cumper; A P Keating; J W S Lawrence; E A Lee; J Little; D A Lucas; A P Smith; J E Stevens; M P Ward
Pass: R Othman; N H Smith

Economics with Econometrics
Class I: P Jones
Class II (Div 1): D B Kennedy; P T Wyatt
Class III: M D Arnold

Economics and Pure Mathematics
Class II (Div 1): M J Church; A C James
Class II (Div 2): J P Duffy

Economics and Sociology
Class II (Div 2): P McGuckin

Economics and Statistics
Class II (Div 1): S R G Poole
Class II (Div 2): D J Hardy

Economics and Geography
Class II (Div 1): J M Wilson

Economics and Japanese Studies
Class I: A J Brindle
Class II (Div 1): N S Morris

Economics and Political Theory & Politics
Class II (Div 1): K A Wattret

BEng

Electrical Engineering
Class I: M F Connor; K Harmer
Class II (Div 1): S Baholo; A B Ireland; R M Needham; S W Shaw
Class II (Div 2): S Abdul Halim; A R Crathorne; R A Smith; I M Wilkinson; N C Wrafter
Class III: M P Jaafar

Electronic Engineering (Information & Systems)
Class I: G S Dunn; R A Lane; C A Quantrill; L L Tay
Class II (Div 1): R M Chandwani; B H Chew; K A Vichion
Class II (Div 2): E R Bettess; C Convery; T Court; A Gill; C J Reynolds; K Shrimpton; T F Wilson
Class III: A Barton; K W G Reece
Pass: T A K El-Maghrabi; W Lam; A J Nebbs; N M Pearce

Electronic Engineering (Solid State Devices)
Class I: N D Whitbread
Class II (Div 1): K A Williams
Class II (Div 2): A Beaumont; S P Larcombe; J E Steel
Class III: W T Walker; M R Wood

Electronic Engineering
Class I: D K Anderson; I R Gransden; P E Mason; T S Rayner; J C Simpson; A Singleton; P A Watson
Class II (Div 1): S L Davies; S J Foot; C G Freeman; S Josifovska; M A Marshall; C K J Poon; A M Preston; M P S Roberts; J F Siddons
Class II (Div 2): P K Elkington; S N Gate; W P Lim; M Mahmood; S P Mainwaring; D J Winter-Alsop
Class III: M F Abdul Aziz; T G O'Carroll
Pass: P J Coffey

Electronic Engineering (Communications)
Class II (Div 1): C D Parbutt; D G Waller
Class II (Div 2): M G R Abahreh; B A Ledeatte; G M Lewis; M Rafiq; S F Yhi
Class III: L J Clayton; C E Menkiti; J S Takhar
Pass: M C S Lee

Electronic Engineering (Computing)
Class I: R C Heath; R A Holme; T G Peddle; A R Viner
Class II (Div 1): S M Stanley; D M Ford; T R Good; S M Hughes; N D Postance; M J Willis; A M Wood
Class II (Div 2): M J Ball; E F Cooke; M P Engstrom; H S Greenfield; P G Hunt; D L Lampley; N D Robinson; C N Skelton; J E F Taylor; M R Thorley; A D Williams
Class III: A J Azam
Pass: N Robertson

Electronic, Control & Systems Engineering
Class II (Div 1): A T Glover; S P Schooling
Class II (Div 2): K M Goode; J R Hemsley; J D Kent; N C Lee; I T Pattle; T M Shooter; C A Smith; I J Wallace
Class III: P J Christian; A Scott

BSc

Electronics and Physics
Class II (Div 1): N Millner; S R Nieder; P B Sweeny

BA

English Language with Linguistics
Class II (Div 1): V F Griffith; C M Morris; A M Haystone
Class II (Div 2): Z L Howes; B J Knight; D J Starkey
Class III: J R Chapman

English Language with Medieval Literature
Class II (Div 1): B M Smith
Class III: J C Perkins

English Language and English Literature
Class II (Div 1): M S Bowles; D M Edwards; S L Mear; S L Witall
Class II (Div 2): N P Brandwood

English Language and German
Class II (Div 1): H M Mayne

English Literature
Class I: P W Bannister; C C Elsworth; P F Gormley; O J Jenkins; L E Kermode; P B Lawson; K Rowley; A L Stevenson; E J Tomlin; C M Walker
Class II (Div 1): S A J Anthony; C M Belshaw; G E Buttery; K L I Cann; P M Cotrone; J J B Duncan; A J George; P M Smith; L A Gillan; R Gostelow; S A Hewitt; M D Higgs; K Hibbert; J Howe; S J M Howe; E J Hoyle; A S Jones; S D Jones; M E Lilly; R P Lunn; E A McMinn; H K Montgomery; P B Morse; S J Noonan; E Oxford; P S Quick; T L Rigby; J M Roberts; P D Roberts; C Rowbotham; I P Rowley; H L Seaman; R J Shelley; C A Smith; L A Spiers; M J Stacey; J Stagg; A M Symon; C Thompson; C E Tucker; J K Wingfield
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Class III: P J Davies; A M Dobbs; P J H Vanston

English and French
Class II (Div 1): J A Douglas; L J Fairclough; R W Garvan
Class II (Div 2): T A Roberts

English and History
Class II (Div 1): S H Bedford; D C Hedley
Class II (Div 2): P G France; K M Moffatt

English and Music
Class II (Div 2): A Lowe

English and Philosophy
Class I: G E Davies
Class II (Div 1): S J Broome
Class II (Div 2): R Boarder; M A Savage

English and Spanish
Class I: F M A'Ness
Pass: P Whitear

French Language and Literature
Class II (Div 1): S E Cheetham; N C Clarridge; D Doddie; L E Footner; H A French; S M George; E C Saunders; H E Scanlan; H J Watson; R Young
Class II (Div 2): C L Charles; G P Fells; U F Morley; E A Ogden; C J Powis; S Russell; V A Stein

French and Business Studies
Class I: J Bell; E A Edwards
Class II (Div 1): G Beouscu; A Burns; L Edmond; A C Garvey; M D Hulman; P M Keegan; J Laver; J Long; C A Mercer; J F Morgan; D P Sturges; A W Thompson
Class II (Div 2): A C Blake; K Brassington; G R Cook; J M Lawson; B D Pugh; R S Young

French and Economics
Class II (Div 1): A J Howell; J P Wilks
Class II (Div 2): K E Fudge

French and German
Class I: J E Bloom
Class II (Div 1): R A Barker; M J Wilson; R M E Young
Class II (Div 2): R E Plunkett

French and Politics
Class II (Div 1): K D Newton; J E Tilleridge

French and Russian
Class II (Div 1): A G Barr
Class II (Div 2): S K Bray; M J Grainger

French and Spanish
Class II (Div 1): J A Harwood; P Morris; S L Sheridan
Class II (Div 2): T H Clews; L Courtie; A J Prentice; J M Smith

BSc

Genetics
Class I: H C Piercy
Class II (Div 1): J Atkinson; J M Binley; S J Goodman; A J Grierson; G J Hotchkiss; R Inger; O D McCormack; A Razzaq; M Satchithananda; V Scott
Class II (Div 2): M Bauer; J M Brown; M G Conyers; P J R Jones; A J Mooney; A V Moorman; V C Pearcy

BA

Geography
Class I: D K L Buckley; A J Dougill; S L Holloway; R Taylor
Class II (Div 1): G D Alden; M Bellingall; M L H Berry; G V Blake; P R Brogden; K A Crawley; E J Davey; M G Davies; K C Dick-Cleland; T Draginic; R W Drury; M A Duffy; F E Elliott; S E Fleming; J W Gibbons; G C Hammond; F S M Henderson; J A Hindmarsh; J Mason; J R McCready; D I Middleditch; P Morris; I F Perry; A B Pott; P R Porter; S K Roberts; P R Sadler; B J Scott; K J Simpkins; K C Smith; R M Smith; H J Street; R D Swetnam; A J Tait; R C Topping; J Tracey; C E Ward; K M Warren; P D Wass; A G Woodburn; B Woods
Class II (Div 2): S M Ainscough; K M Allen; D J Avis; P E Bailey; K E Bartlett; M P Bassett; D Bell; W M Birch; A T Bird; N Brambles; S D Brown; A Z Chitty; T A Cooper; R W Cotgreave; L Craig; R M Doubleday; E J Eley; P J Ellwood; G R Fox; P A Gadie; J Gibson; I J Greggor; N Griffiths; J P Gunn; C R Hennessy; M Holmes; E E Jacobs; S A Jones; D E Kearsley; D J Kelly; I J Kent; A J King; A D Lees; D P Lord; A B Mainwaring; S L Mallen; C F Marlow; S Marsh; P C Martin; S McCartney; M C McDowell; N J O'Connor; D O'Donnell; C O'Neill; J L Pears; J W Perks; I D Pickford; A Pincott; K J Pinder; L F Proctor; J A Riach; H E Rudge; J R Schofield; J M Shannon; D R Shorland; P I Simpson; H M Smith; P A Smith; A M Snelson; A J Spencer; W J F Standring; L B Steel; K J Strywger; I M T Stuart; N J Suckley; S J Thompson; H C Townson; A C Turner; E J Warne; R T Watkins
Class III: M N Becker; D A Collins; P A Coupe; R J Green; R S Loft; A J North; J R Whittaker
Pass: M J Bethell; A P Dempsey

BSc

Geography and Mathematics
Class III: M L Blake

BA

Geography and Sociology
Class II (Div 1): V E Avery
Class II (Div 2): Y H Chan

Geography and Politics
Class II (Div 2): H P Dawson

BSc

Geology and Physical Geography
Class I: S R Power
Class II (Div 1): C N Jennings; A P Jones
Class II (Div 2): T J Brooks; C B Hamer; M A Hayward; A J Hewitt; M J Purdie; J M Sinclair; N E Williams
Class III: D P Gannon

BA

German Studies
Class I: G J Gould
Class II (Div 1): R J Marshall; K J Millar
Class II (Div 2): E N R Ward

German and Business Studies
Class II (Div 1): W F Devlin; K M Hiscox; C D Metzger; S Middleton; C H Sivers; J Thomas

German and Russian
Class II (Div 2): R K Rai

History
Class II (Div 1): M G Aylett; S A Baggaley; A G Benson; L Boydell; S J M Bradley; L J Byers; L J Clayton; A J Faux; I J Ford; J Holliday; K L Ireland; M A James; N J Lawrence; L M Lieghio; M Marshall; A I G Mason; R McCabe; M E Mitchell; S E Newell; A Owen; H E Platt; D J Ramsay; M D Roberts; S Sampson; T M Shamel; D A Smith; M P Simes; M Walker; N D Wilson; J J Woodward
Class II (Div 2): C Bonney; J W N Broom; M J Burke; S Cawton; S Dunbar; C B Dyall; E J Hopley; C A Hunt; A H Keller; J J Makin; A J Moran; S A McBean; L J Mutten; A J L Owen; J S Peat; A Rawlinson; A J Robinson; J A Rowlands; M J Short; T F Spence; R J Walsh; J Westerman
Class III: M E Beswick; K W Fay

Japanese Studies
Class I: A D Clare; R J Talbot
Class II (Div 1): A M Durge; A P English; S A Johnson

Japanese Studies and Sociology
Class II (Div 1): J J Baker-Bates; N Utomi

Japanese Studies and Political Theory & Politics
Class I: D R Bowen; J D C Gorick
Class III: M Evans

BSc

Landscape Design & Plant Science
Class I: Z B S Macdougall; K M Upton
Class II (Div 1): C H D Bawtree; P S Boyes; M Garrett; I D Graham; G P Hewson; S B Holtkott; J McAlister-Hewlings; K M Pearson; P D Swift; A C Thomson
Class II (Div 2): D C S Ding; V G Powell; D J Sargent
Class III: I B Ali; J Glanville
Aegrotat: T J M Gardener

LLB

Law
Class I: S E Derale; S C Jolly; R L Keogh; T D Mann; P S Samrai; H E Sumner; E Yakuel
Class II (Div 1): D Alon; G J Alty; L V Ashton; C J Atherton; R Barak; H P Belbin; H Black; K J Bramall; C E Bryant; N S Canter; P J Carter; D C A Chapman; V J Charbit; K R Cheney; P A Connaughton; E S Dadd; I J Daniels; R H Davies; R J Donnelly; P Downey; T Exley; A Flavian; L Freestone; D L Gray; D G Holden; A E Humes; E Hunt; D C James; D N Jones; P D Jonson; C A Keenan; J Kelleher; J J Kelly; E Klein; J F Kranse; J E Lakin; K V Last; H F Lee; D J Liddy; M Marcou; J J Mares; S E McCormack; P K Meredith; H Milton; T G Mitchell; E Mohamad; C E Moorman; A Z Myliona; K M T Naylor; M Nicholson; R M K Powell; M G Preston; R A Read; C D Reeves; J C Richardson; R J Rogers; S Ross; J V Ruskin; D N Savage; S C Shaw; D L Singleton; P Spencer; S Stavrou; D M Still; V M Todd; G E Wensley; D S Wilde; A J Woodward; A J Wright; B Wright; D Wurmbrand; R S Ziegler; A Zylberberg
Class II (Div 2): S B Abdul Majid Khan; P L Adams; S Akbar; F Alexandrou; S N Andreou; A Asher; P J L Ball; E K Bayliss; D Bayliss; T J E Bowman; S M Bradbury; V M Brown; J C Chai; M Y A Chan; M S B Che Mat Din; W N K Cheung; M J M Christie; R G Clayton; J M Cook; Y Feldman; W J Forsyth; W A Fung; S Y Goh; P Grant; A J Green; A Guterman; J R Hanley; J H Harris; E J Harrison; T G Hayton; M C Humphreys; S Jaafar; J S Jeffreys; A J Johnson; P Johnson; L F Kamara; N Kirk; V J Kugl; E Lim Hwang Piew; M E Loftus; D J Manning; R Marcus; A J McHale; A M McLaughlin; K A Merrick; A S Metcalfe; J Mohamed; N Mohd Hakim; A F Mohd Kamil; F J Murray; L B Ngu; H Palmer; B M Pender; C E Phillips; S M Rathmell; M S Riser; J D Ritson; J C Rowan; K D Sharma; A A Shashe; K D Smith; C L K Swee; M Tan; S J Von Achten; S Wadsworth; M D Wainbraub; M Whalley; A V Wilson; N Zulkifli
Class III: R Ayob; C E Day; R Jangeerkhan; J Jayaram; D Papadopoulou; R Saadatnejad; H K Ting; K Wong
Ordinary: Y A Lau
Pass: S Tansey

BA(Law)

Law
Class II (Div 1): J P Cohen; M G Deegan; L K Hadfield Lee; L J Markiew; P J Matthews; M F Molloy; D Morley; S Neville; A T O'Connell; J A Russell
Class II (Div 2): M T Bennett; A J Burke; M J Dessey; M Forgan; N J O'Dell; C E Payne; P A Rogers; B C Simpson; B Woodfield
Pass: A O Bretze

BA

Linguistics and Japanese
Class I: A N Denney
Class II (Div 2): C Chopin; D H Cortyon; E R V Whalley

MEng (MPE)

Materials Process Engineering
Pass: S Bathe; P Connelly; M G Hunter; S M Smith; J V M Tuck

BSc

Materials Science & Technology and Physics (Combined)
Class I: M J Laine
Class II (Div 1): A N Nolte
Class II (Div 2): R A Pattern
Pass: A Dunn

Mathematics
Class I: T D Blackmore; M J Dixon; I Eames; H C Eastwood; A L Gowan; P Healey; J E Holroyd; P A Locke; K L Naylor; A P Smith
Class II (Div 1): D Addison; J A Axon; S A Bennett; C S Butler; P Christopher; G H Cocks; P Czekirda; R Duggan; H M Dunn; N M Gough; G M Hand; G M Hearson; I J Hickman; B A Jones; H G Kilby; C Needham; R Riddaway; C A Smith; R Viner; M Wilson
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Graham seeks to preserve quality

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Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, starts the countdown to the football season by hearing the views of the manager of the League champions

AS THE English football champions prepare to launch their defence of the title as well as their attack on the *European Cup*, Arsenal's manager expressed his belief that his side will succeed in both aims despite the domestic system. George Graham is unequivocally, and justifiably, in favour of a reduction of clubs in the first division.

At the end of a summer featuring protracted discussions concerning the formation of a Premier League, a prospect which has long appeared inevitable, he lent significant support to the *proposal put forward by* Graham Kelly, the Football Association's chief executive. In doing so, Graham contradicted the views of some of his fellow managers.

Steve Coppell, of Crystal Palace, and Graham Taylor, of England, have both voiced their reservations about the idea. Their disapproval was surprising because, as Graham reaffirmed yesterday, "it does not take a genius to work out that our clubs play too many games".

Arsenal face a programme of at least 60 fixtures this season, and many more should they progress in the cup competitions. "That cannot be good for anybody," their manager said. "When you talk about it to managers and coaches abroad, they think we are crazy.

"The main priority on the *continent is the respective* championships. Their cups are comparatively meaningless. We have not only the FA Cup, the most famous knockout tournament in the world, but we also have the League Cup, the Zenith Data Systems Cup and . . ." His voice faded. The point had already been forcibly made.

He exposed the flaw in the argument proposed by those convinced that the inauguration of spurious events must be financially beneficial. The more matches each club plays, they say, the greater the sum of the gate receipts. The logic is erroneous.

"The Italians don't play as much as us and yet they pay far bigger salaries," Graham said. Platt and Gascoigne, two of England's most tal*ented products in recent* years, are merely the latest individuals to have succumbed to the temptations of the wealth on offer there.

Graham asks how the Italians can afford such generosity and then supplies the answer. "Because their product is quality. Our season will finish, as it always does, with players who are tired."

It was all the more curious that Taylor, who trusts that he will then be leading England towards the finals of the European championship, should apparently oppose the reduction in the domestic programme. The squads of the other competing nations are sure to be fresher.

Graham also refuted the *equally fallacious suggestion* that the smaller clubs will necessarily suffer from the formation of a Premier League. "There will be a difference in the distribution of wealth but, as I understand it, everyone is to get a bigger share of a bigger pot.

"I would like the first division to contain 18 clubs, or *maybe* 16, and I can see the big clubs eventually playing in a European League which would be covered live on television. *I don't think* that that would be detrimental to the smaller clubs.

"They will still be able to feed players because talent, such as the Keegans and the Platts, will always come through."

He would also prefer to play a more effective role in the future which he envisages with his fellow managers. He is disturbed that the FA, the *League and* the Professional Footballers' Association have all been involved in the talks, which have been spread over the *last* few months, but that no attempt has been made to consult those in charge of the teams.

"I would like a *League* Managers' Association to be formed because we've been through everything at every level. We've been through the system and we have got so much experience behind us. There are people like Ron Greenwood, Sir Matt Busby, Bertie Mee and Bob Paisley who have so much to offer in putting the game right.

"It is the administrators who are making the decisions and we are not even asked for *our opinions. I'm delighted*, for instance, that Terry Venables has taken over at Tottenham Hotspur because at least we've got one *football* person making decisions at a club."

He foresees the championship, which has been shared in the last four years between his own club and Liverpool, being refreshingly open this season. His opinion is based on the amount of money which has been spent during the close season, although he himself has yet again remained outside the marketplace.

"*The high transfer* fees paid by clubs like Crystal Palace and Nottingham Forest show that they are eager for success. *I think* the League is going to be the best for years and that there will be a few clubs heading the first division from time to time." Which clubs, then, does he fear? "All those who have spent money. They will be expecting to be successful."

He concedes that his own *squad is numerically weak* but he has spoken to only one other club during the close season and the unspecified deal was not pursued. He has no doubts about the talent of his players. He questions only the collective stamina which will be required.

The silver lining: Graham, with Arsenal's League championship trophies

RACING

Carson on board First Victory in Ebor Handicap

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

WILLIE Carson has been booked by Richard Hannon for the strongly-fancied First Victory in the Ebor Handicap at York on August 21. Unlucky in running when fourth to Further Flight in the race last year, First Victory was due to have a preliminary race at Newmarket against Tidemark tomorrow.

"I think one-and-a-half miles is a bit too short for him and also we don't want to risk picking up a penalty for York, Hannon said yesterday."

Although yet to win this season, First Victory has run three fine races in defeat, notably when a close third to Rinja in the Bessborough Handicap at Royal Ascot and more recently when occupying the same position behind Tamatour in the Northumberland Plate at *Newcastle*.

If the ground remains firm, Ladbrokes current odds of 12-1 represent sound each-way value. "He's got to go close," the trainer continued.

Ladbroke's latest Ebor betting is as follows: 10-1 Tidemark and Rinja, 12-1 First Victory, 16-1 *Libk, Moat Garden, Highflying* and Deposki.

With three victories to his credit at Goodwood last week, the in-form Hannon is also eyeing other rich prizes at York. The trainer will attempt to capture the coveted Gimcrack Stakes for the third time in the past four years for owner Tony Budge with River Falls, who was recently beaten a head by Rodrigo De Triano at Newbury after comfortably winning a two-horse contest at York.

At Brighton yesterday two veteran trainers stole the limelight, the 77-year-old Bill Wightman winning the £10,000 Brighton Sprint Handicap with Divine Pet and Ron Smyth, who will be 76 in November, the concluding Edburton Handicap with Very Dicey.

Masnun was made 9-2 favourite for the Brighton Sprint Handicap but the Stewards' Cup third never struck a blow and eventually finished fifth as Tyrone Williams brought Divine *Pet storming* through to catch the long-time leader Grand Prix close home.

Divine Pet, also successful in this race in 1989, had finished sixth last year. The now six-year-old had failed to win previously this season and last time out was beaten over 12 lengths when six *behind Corrin* Hill over the course and distance a fortnight ago.

Amazingly in his 54-year *career, during* which Britain's longest-serving trainer has won many of the major handicaps, including the Ayr Gold Cup, the Stewards Cup, two Portland Handicaps and a Cambridgeshire, he had yet to appear before the stewards. But, showing themselves to be no respecters of persons or age, the Brighton stewards summoned Wightman to appear before them.

However, as laid back as ever, the trainer said: "It was quite interesting and very efficient. They showed me the camera patrol film of both races and asked me how much I'd had on. I told them a pony (£25) and that it was the first time Divine Pet had had firm ground all season. They said that it was good when he ran disappointingly here at the last meeting, but I said that it was soft as I could see the mud being flung up."

After also interviewing Tyrone Williams and John Williams, who had ridden Divine Pet in his previous race, the authorities accepted Wightman's explanation.

After Ron Smyth had watched Willie Carson make every yard of the running on Very Dicey, before bringing the top weight home only half a length ahead of the strongly finishing Jess Rebec, the trainer said: "I was glad to see him win as it certainly wasn't out of turn. When I put Willie up they usually win, as he gets so cross if they get beaten."

Walkover looming

THE Haydock Park Pony Club Graduation Stakes at Haydock *this evening is likely to turn into* a walkover, just days after the introduction of a Jockey Club measure designed to eradicate *them*.

Only The Glasha and Green Medina have been declared but Roger Charlton, the trainer of The Glasha, says his horse will run only if there is substantial rain. The ground is firm and not expected to change significantly.

The new rule deals only with *races for which less than two* horses are declared at the overnight stage. In such circumstances, the race can now be reopened.

Julian Smyth-Osbourne, Charlton's assistant, said: "When The Glasha ran last time at Windsor, Pat Eddery advised us not to run him again on firm ground."

Cameras focus on professional foul

By RODDY FORSYTH

A VIDEO attempting to clear *up confusion over the pro*fessional foul before the league programme starts tomorrow has been issued by the Scottish *Football Association (SFA)*.

New guidelines covering control of the ball by goalkeepers and serious foul play by all *players were approved by Fifa*, the sport's world governing body, in Belfast in June and came into force on July 25.

Anticipating some of the problems which the new interpretations of Law 12, governing fouls and misconduct, were likely to cause, George Cumming, the SFA's development officer, and Ken Ridden, the Football Association's national training officer for referees, worked together to produce the video. Two thousand copies are being distributed to Fifa's member associations throughout the world, and others have been sent to the leading 38 clubs in Scotland, as well as to managers, coaches *and* referees.

The film details 20 sample incidents to illustrate referees' application of the new guidelines, which fall into three categories. The first concerns a player who, in the opinion of the referee, is moving towards his opponents' goal with an obvious opportunity to score, and who is then impeded so that the chance is lost. In such cases, the offending player must be sent off.

The key words, and those certain to fuel endless debate, are those which refer to an obvious opportunity to score "*in the opinion of the referee*". Whether inside or outside the penalty area, and whether the culprit is a goalkeeper or an outfield player, the culprit is to be shown the red card.

However, there are complicating factors, as when an attacker is seen to round the opposing goalkeeper at the edge of the penalty area only for the goalkeeper to pull him down by the ankle.

Since three defenders are hovering around the far post, the goalscoring opportunity is not deemed to be obvious, although, as was pointed out in *the lively press discussion* which followed the screening, a Brazilian player of average ability would think otherwise.

Similarly, had the attacking player been pulled down while rounding the goalkeeper moving away from the goalmouth, no red card would be shown, irrespective of whether covering defenders were present.

Again, it is unlikely that the *average supporter of the attack*ing team, not to mention the thwarted player and his manager, would feel that an obvious *goalscoring opportunity had* not been evident at the time of the offence.

The same provisions apply *when a goalkeeper or outfield* player handles outside the penalty area. An outfield player handling to prevent a goalscoring opportunity, inside or outside the area, will be sent off, as will a player who handles but does not prevent a score because of the advantage rule.

The scourge of time-wasting by goalkeepers is at least dealt with less ambiguously. If a player returns a goal kick to his goalkeeper, who holds the ball or parries it with his hands, dribbles it forward and picks it up, the goalkeeper is guilty of time-wasting by virtue of handling twice.

However, if he stands and bounces the ball before releas*ing it*, or dribbles it with his feet before picking it up, or takes a pass back on his chest or dives to save a shot before picking it up, he may proceed unpunished.

If the goalkeeper parries a weak shot or cross and lets the ball run some distance before picking it up, it is also time-wasting.

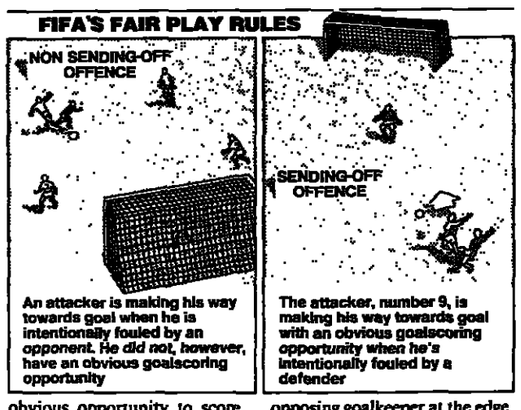
Small wonder that when the *SFA showed the video to 400* Scottish referees at St Andrews at the weekend, there was prolonged discussion about each of the new *guidelines*. What is in store now can perhaps be divined from George Cummings' comment yesterday: "*This is the easy bit*. All the illustrations we have shown are pretty static. Just wait until referees begin to enforce the new instructions. That is when the real fun will begin."

☐ Goalkeepers will also need to stick rigidly to the four-step rule in the coming season. Referees have been instructed by Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the *Football* Association (FA), to limit goalkeepers to four steps "with the ball under their control".

The phrase is designed to include the goalkeepers' practice of parrying the ball with hands, chest or arms to avoid *picking it up*.

A statement from the FA said: "Goalkeepers are advised to avoid parrying the ball and are encouraged to catch the ball cleanly and then release it quickly to avoid time-wasting." Failure to do so will result in an indirect free kick.

FIFA'S FAIR PLAY RULES



An attacker is making his way towards goal when he is intentionally fouled by an *opponent. He did not, however*, have an obvious goalscoring opportunity

The attacker, number 9, is making his way towards goal with an obvious goalscoring *opportunity when he's* intentionally fouled by a defender

Riverside stadium is planned

PLANS for a £45 million stadium on the banks of the Trent to house both Nottingham Forest and Notts County were unveiled yesterday. The 45,000 all-seat stadium could be used if England succeed in their bid for the 1998 World Cup.

Notts County and the local council are backing the scheme, while Forest favour a £12 million project to redevelop their own ground.

Paul Wilkinson, the **Watford** forward, is to join **Middlesbrough** for a fee of around £500,000. Agreement was reached shortly before a Football League tribunal was due to fix a price. *Middlesbrough* recouped £300,000 when they sold Simon Coleman, the central defender, to **Derby County**.

The **Luton** manager, *David* Pleat, has reluctantly accepted that he has failed in his attempt to convince Clive Allen to move *to* **Kenilworth Road** from Manchester City. It is believed Allen could not agree personal terms.

Mark Easton, aged 11, a cousin of Paul Gascoigne, has collapsed and died from an asthma attack while playing football.

BOWLS

Champion laid low by fatigue

By DAVID RHYS JONES

TIREDNESS took its toll when Irene Molyneux took to the greens at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday morning. Having won the triples title on Wednesday, she had already played eight 3½-hour matches in three days before she skipped Oxford City and County to defeat in the second round of the Liverpool Victoria national fours championship.

Greta Winstone, who helped Molyneux to her triples triumph, was also contesting her ninth match of the week, and the two were joined by Katherine *Hawes* and *Margaret Ellis*, who should, at least, have been comparatively fresh.

Molyneux, who could be described as a bowling veteran, claimed it was not physical but mental fatigue had caught up with her, but the effects were palpable.

A Marlow four, skipped by Lynn Thelwell, were quick to take advantage, turning a 6-13 deficit into a 19-14 victory.

Mary Taylor, Margaret Fellows and Edna Bessell, of Yeovil, who lost in the triples final, had played nine games in three days, but at least Taylor and Fellows had the morning to recover while Bessell launched her challenge for the singles title.

Bessell did herself a favour, racing to an easy 21-10 win over Wendy Spicer, of Hartley, Dartford, while her fellow internationals, Lynda Jarman, of Cambridge, Chesterton, Jean Baker, of Alfreton, and Mary Price, of Burnham, made heavier weather of their matches.

After lunch, the Yeovil quartette beat Preston Park, Brighton 21-15.

☐ David Bryan, the world outdoors singles champion, lost 21-20 in the first round of the Clevedon open to Hugh Hayter, his Clevedon club mate, a former Berkshire Middleton Cup player.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Thomson faces a dilemma

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MARY Thomson, the national horse trials champion and runner-up behind Rodney Powell in this month's Sun System rider ranking table, has two conflicting aims at the MacConnal-*Mason British Open horse trials* championships that start at Gatcombe Park today.

Thomson, from Devon, will attempt, on King William, to retain her national title on King Boris but, as Gatcombe is a final trial for the European championships in Ireland next month, she is one of 13 long-listed riders and cannot afford to take risks in pursuit of the title.

"It will be difficult to go all out to win," Thomson said yesterday. "You would need to have only one run-out to ruin your team chances." Despite consistent performances with King Boris, a team place has so far eluded her. She hopes that the eight-year-old King William — the best horse she has ridden — will change her luck.

The opposition they face is formidable. Although Virginia Leng, the European champion, is absent, the championships have attracted a record entry of 198 from 12 countries. There are three classes, the British Open and two advanced sections.

The long-listed riders include three regular team members: Ian Stark, with his pair of outstanding greys, Glenburnie and Murphy Himself; Powell, who pins his hopes on Timber Hill; and Karen Straker, with Get Smart and Fosseway Surprise. Lorna Clarke and King's Jester, who were fourth at Badminton, are also contenders.

"It's a very exciting long list," Jane Holderness-Roddam, the chairman of the selectors, said. "All we require of them at Gatcombe is to show that their hor s are fit and well — we do not expect them to go flat out."

No such constraints bind either Mark Todd, *of New* Zealand, or Pippa Nolan, of Britain, two of the favourites. Todd, who is attempting a fourth win, will ride Welton Greylag, on which he won at Auchinleck, and his Burghley winner, Face the Music.

Mark Phillips, the organiser and course designer, has constructed a daunting 29-fence course. The going for the cross country on Sunday is perfect.

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RANKINGS

1. R Powell	483
2. M Thomson	394
3. I Stark	374
4. M Todd (NZ)	370
5. A Nicholson (NZ)	344
6. P Nolan	315
7. V Leng	277
8. O Moore	252
9. K Straker	250
10. L Murray	245
11. B Tait (NZ)	225
12. R Walker	209
13. H Bell	199
14. K Gifford	192
15. W Fox-Pitt	189
16. C Hollingsworth	188
17. L Green	179
18. T Rendle	175
19. L Law	169
20. R Lemieux	164

CYCLING

Anderson climbs into two more jerseys

By PETER BRYAN

WINNATS Pass, on a summer day one of the Peak District's jewels and long a test of endurance for cyclists, lived up to its charms and its cruelty in the third stage of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain yesterday.

The mile-long climb, strategically placed 13 miles from the finish of the 103-mile stage between Lincoln and Buxton, was a solid mass *of spectators* who had trekked or cycled to the 1,200-ft vantage point.

They first saw a lone Dane, Kim Andersen, start the ascent before a group of a dozen pursuers came into view. Before the summit, the picture had changed with Phil Anderson, the man in the yellow jersey, in command of a quartet of which Rudy Verdonck, Robert Millar and Heinz Imboden were members.

The steep descent towards Buxton on narrow and sometimes rutted roads, brought no changes as the four entered the final town circuit. Millar, no sprinter, set the pace in the hope of pulling back a second or two, but Anderson, biding his time, swept past the Scot 70 yards out to take his second stage victory.

For Millar, also passed by Verdonck, it was an encouraging result. Overall, he moved up from ninth to fourth with a 17-second deficit on Anderson.

Again as on Wednesday, Anderson was given unstinting help by his Motorola team colleague, Sean Yates, keeping the pace high to discourage breakaway attempts before the main climbs. Apart from *Winnats, there were three other* of these and their effect was evident. The American, Andy Bishop, was half an hour behind, finishing 93rd and last, and 11 British riders were among a group of 31 who came in 24 minutes late.

When all the sums were done, Anderson had three jerseys: the yellow of race leader, the green for points and the climbing red polka dot.

RESULTS: Third stage (Lincoln to Buxton, 103.9m): Individual: 1, P Anderson (Aus, Motorola), 4hr 33min 46sec; 2, R Verdonck (Bel, Weinmann); 3, R Millar (GB, Z); 4, H Imboden (Switz, Helvetia), all same time; 5, A van der Poel (Neth, Tulip Computers), at 24sec; 6, U Bolts (Ger, Telekom), same time. Team: Z, 13hr 43min 8sec. Overall individual: 1, Anderson, 14:54:50; 2, Verdonck, at 1sec; 3, Imboden, same time; 4, Millar, at 17sec; 5, J Heppner (Ger, Panasonic), at 41; 6, A Pelzer (Aus, Tulip), at 53. Overall team: 1, Panasonic-Sportlife, 44:52:26; 2, Helvetia, 44:53:03; 3, Weinmann, 44:53:19. Points: Anderson, 38pts. Sprints: H Redant (Bel, Lotto), 13pts. King of the Mountains: Anderson, 43pts.
TODAY: Stage 4A (Buxton to Manchester, 66 miles): Start: 0830, Rushup Edge 0852, Ewden Heights 1001, Holme Moss 1041, Stalybridge 1118, Manchester, Albert Square 1146. Stage 4B (Manchester to Liverpool, 52 miles): Start: 1315, Burtonwood 1421, Kirkby 1439, Liverpool William Brown Street, 1537.

RUGBY UNION

All Blacks out for revenge

From a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

THE Bledisloe Cup match between Australia and New Zealand in Sydney tomorrow is certain to place the northern hemisphere's World Cup aspirations in perspective.

Victory for Australia after their record-breaking victories over Wales and England last month, will make them favourites for the tournament in October, particularly after their 21-9 win in Wellington over New Zealand 12 months ago.

The All Blacks, brooding since *their 50-game unbeaten* record was broken in that match, have a point to prove, particularly after their recent *unimpressive victories* over Argentina.

Regardless of the result, the expected demonstration of skill, athleticism and fitness by both teams will set the benchmark for the home unions to attain if they are to have a realistic hope of winning the Webb Ellis Cup.

Alex Wyllie, the New Zealand coach, says that this is the greatest challenge of his four years in charge, during which he has steered the team to a record of 18 wins, one draw and one loss in 20 internationals.

The All Blacks have switched Terry Wright from wing to full back to replace the injured *Kieran Crowley, with John* Timu in on the wing. Richard Loe remains at tight-head prop, despite being dropped from the Waikato *provincial* team.

Australia will field ten of the team which defeated New Zealand last year. Simon Poidevin, the veteran flanker, is preparing for his nineteenth tussle against the men in black.

Michael Lynagh and Nick Farr-Jones play together for the 35th time as Australia's half-backs, equalling the world record set by John Rutherford and Roy Laidlaw, for Scotland.

AUSTRALIA: M Roebuck (NSW); D Campese (NSW), J Little (Queensland), T Horan (Queensland), R Egerton (NSW); M Lynagh (Queensland), N Farr-Jones (NSW, capt); A Daly (NSW), P Kearns (NSW); E McKenzie (NSW), W Offahengaue (NSW), J Eales (Queensland), R McCall (Queensland), S Poidevin (NSW), T Gavin (NSW).
NEW ZEALAND: T Wright (Auckland), J Kirwan (Auckland), C Innes (Auckland), W Little (North Harbour), J Timu (Otago), G Fox (Auckland), G Bachop (Canterbury), S McDowell (Auckland), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland), R Loe (Waikato), A Earl (Canterbury), G Whetton (Auckland, capt), I Jones (North Auckland), M Jones (Auckland), Z Brooke (Auckland).
Referee: R Megson (Scotland).

SNOOKER

Werbeniuk fined for test refusal

BILL Werbeniuk, four times a quarter-finalist in the world championship, was yesterday fined £5,000 by a disciplinary tribunal of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) for his refusal to take a drugs test during the preliminaries of the UK Open at Sheffield in July.

Werbeniuk, aged 44, of Canada, was fined £2,000 in October, 1988 when he admitted using the banned beta blocker, Inderal, to combat the effects of the copious amounts of lager drunk to minimise a nervous tremor in his cue arm.

Following yesterday's tribunal in Bristol, the WPBSA chief executive, David Harrison, said: "The panel decided that a period of suspension would only delay Bill's rehabilitation as a professional snooker player."

☐ *Pot Black*, the BBC tournament, which played a role in preparing the way for coverage of snooker's leading events, will be contested for the first time since 1986. The first match will be shown in September.

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Roberts can rule on Star Lord

STAR Lord, who will be the first mount for a week for Michael Roberts since he was laid low by flu, is napped to return to winning form in the Headland International Properties Handicap at Newmarket this evening.

At Salisbury, on his seasonal debut, Star Lord put up an excellent performance when beating Al Shany, who received 25lb, by two lengths. On that occasion, Postage Stamp, whom he meets today on 8lb worse terms, was beaten eight lengths in fourth, and on the revised terms there should be little between them.

However, the rival I fear most is the progressive Marie De France. But Alec Stewart should have a good line through the Cecil runner as his representive, Jadidh, was two-and-half lengths runner up to

MANDARIN

Marie De France at Yarmouth.

The most competitive event at Haydock, the Haydock Park Leisure Company Handicap, can go to **Duckington**. Last time out at Newcastle, Peter Easterby's seven-year-old was denied a clear run when fourth, beaten two-and-half lengths, by Rocton North.

Also in that seven-furlong handicap was Resolute Bay, who failed by a short head to catch the winner. Today, my selection is 9lb better off whith Resolute Bay for a two-and-a-half length beating.

At Redcar in the afternoon, Easterby can also be on the mark with **Cumbrian Cavalier** in the Bedale Selling Stakes. Last time out he took a hefty bump at the start when finishing fourth behind the four-times winner Conned Again. Prior to that he ran an excellent race when runner up to Cranfield Comet at Ayr.

The highly-tried Prince Belfort should appreciate the considerable drop in class in the John Smith's Bitter Handicap. After a disappointing outing at Beverley, when seventh of eight to She's Smart, the gelding was far from disgraced when sixth of 12 in the competitive Grand Met Handicap behind Food Of Love at Ascot.

David Nicholson, better known for his exploits with National Hunt horses, can take the Cleveland Maiden Auction Stakes with **Clurican**. The well-related colt would have finished closer when fourth to Reel Of Tulloch at Wolverhampton had he not run wide turning for home.

At Market Rasen, the Michael Chapman-trained **Lafkadio**, a five-times winner on the Flat this season, can show the benefit of his fitness in the Clugston Handicap.

An outing three day's ago on the Flat at Windsor should have put **Ramrod** right for the Streat Selling Handicap Hurdle at Plumpton. The Ron Hodges-trained gelding, who failed to win last season, has the class to take this moderate contest.

Brinkwater, who was travelling well in the lead until falling at the second last at Newton Abbot when presenting the contest to High Imp, can gain consolation in the Plumpton Handicap Chase.

Apollo King, who has become a course and distance specialist, can land his fourth victory on the Sussex course in the Bob Wigney Handicap Hurdle. Last season, the Philip Mitchell-trained gelding showed a *penchant for the* course when he was unbeaten in his three appearances at the track.

Nicholson: eyeing rare Flat win with Clurican

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
6.00 STAR LORD (nap).	6.00 Marie De France.	6.55 Hacienda.
6.25 Aragona.	6.25 X My Heart.	7.55 ZAMIRAH (nap).
6.55 Hacienda.	6.55 Easy Line.	
7.25 Brigadier Bill.	7.25 Shadow Bird.	
7.55 Strong Suit.	7.55 ZAMIRAH (nap).	
8.25 Profusion.	8.25 Clifton Cruiser.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.55 HACIENDA (nap). 7.55 Dancing Beau.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 6.25 X MY HEART.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.00 HEADLAND INTERNATIONAL PROPERTIES HANDICAP
(£4,935: 2m 24yd) (9 runners)

1 (3) 2/300-16 STAR LORD 28 (BF,F,G) (Mrs C Heath) A Stewart 5-10-0 ..... M Roberts 93
2 (2) 2-15003 GAY GLINT 23 (C,F) (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-9-13 ..... S Cauthen 95
3 (5) 012248- NORTHWOLD STAR 225 (F,G) (T Jennings) D Thom 5-8-10 ..... G Duffield 89
4 (4) 521 MARIE DE FRANCE 16 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-7 ..... W Ryan 90
5 (1) 341084 POSTAGE STAMP 16 (D,F) (Lovers Owners Group) J Hills 4-8-4 ..... M Hills ● 99
6 (7) 230202 PRINCE SOBUR 21 (S) (C Buttery) M Blanshard 5-8-3 ..... W Newnes 95
7 (9) 1/35-45 WESTERN DANCER 21 (D,F,G,S) (L Spencer) C Horgan 10-8-2 ..... A Clark 98
8 (6) 0-0561 ATTADALE 13 (D,F) (Sir David Wills) W Jarvis 3-8-1 ..... A Munro 92
9 (8) /03322 SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 7 (V,G) (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 7-7-7 ..... N Kennedy (5) 87

Long handicap: Saskia's Reprieve 8-5.

BETTING: 5-2 Marie De France, 4-1 Postage Stamp, 9-2 Star Lord, 11-2 Attadale, 8-1 Gay Glint, Western Dancer, 10-1 Prince Sobur, 16-1 others.

1990: MULL HOUSE 3-7-10 N Adams (9-2) J Sutcliffe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAR LORD beat Al Shany 2l at Salisbury (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start, with POSTAGE STAMP (8lb better off) 6l 4th. GAY GLINT 9l 3rd to Witness Box at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm).
MARIE DE FRANCE comfortably beat Jadidh 2½l in a maiden at Yarmouth (1m 6f 17yd, good). POSTAGE STAMP 5l 4th to Bardolph at Sandown (1m 6f, good to soft). PRINCE SOBUR 2½l 2nd to Brandon Prince at Newbury (2m, good), with WESTERN DANCER (3lb better off) 2½l 5th. ATTADALE easily beat Knight Of Honour 1½l in a maiden at Newcastle (2m 19yd, firm).
Selection: WESTERN DANCER

6.25 BILLINGHAM AND ROBINSON ACCOUNTANTS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,240: 7f) (21 runners)

1 (4) 0 BLUE CENTURION 32 (K Moustoulis) M Bell 8-11 ..... M Hills —
2 (17) 043 BO KNOWS BEST 25 (M McN Nott) J Sutcliffe 8-11 ..... M Wigham 83
3 (13) 00004 CBS RANDOLPH 16 (Randolph House Ltd) I Campbell 8-11 ..... D Biggs (5) 76
4 (14) 65 CHUMMY'S DILEMMA 8 (C Gaventa) N Callaghan 8-11 ..... D Holland —
5 (3) 00 EMPESKA 13 (Tamdown Ltd) W O'Gorman 8-11 ..... A Cruz —
6 (8) 05 MISTER CASUAL 23 (A Ennever) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ..... G Carter 74
7 (18) MOMENTITO (J Sitt) A Scott 8-11 ..... L Newton (5) —
8 (2) 006 SEA CRUSADER 60 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 8-11 ..... W Newnes 66
9 (1) SPY IN THE SKY (D Seale) R Hannon 8-11 ..... S Whitworth —
10 (12) 623342 STRANGE KNIGHT 8 (T Connors) R Stubbs 8-11 ..... L Piggott 93
11 (15) 6 THE LAST WASHER 16 (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 8-11 ..... R Hills —
12 (21) TOMKINS REEF (J Bottomley) J Bottomley 8-11 ..... Paul Burke —
13 (16) 03113 X MY HEART 13 (BF,F,S) (B Squires) R Hannon 8-11 ..... R Perham (5) ● 99
14 (6) 005 AND ME 20 (J Dyson) D Thom 8-6 ..... J Williams —
15 (20) 40 ARAGONA 18 (Lord Carrick) P Cundell 8-6 ..... E Johnson 94
16 (5) 00 GIRTON DEGREE 34 (Mrs A E Budge) R Hannon 8-6 ..... B Raymond 80
17 (7) 5666 HASTY SHUFFLE 35 (Dr C Stelling) C Nelson 8-6 ..... J Reid 92
18 (10) 050 MEDBOURNE 9 (Mrs R Smith) Pat Mitchell 8-6 ..... G Forster (7) 89
19 (19) 0 PRINCESS MAXINE 132 (BF) (J Pack) J S Wilson 8-6 ..... M Roberts —
20 (9) 3030 SYKE LANE 36 (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 8-6 ..... A Culhane 80
21 (11) 54 TEAM DECISION 27 (J Davis) M Prescott 8-6 ..... G Duffield 74

BETTING: 11-4 X My Heart, 9-2 Strange Knight, 6-1 Aragona, 10-1 Bo Knows Best, The Last Washer, 12-1 Blue Centurion, Girton Degree, Momentito, 16-1 others.

1990: ADEVA 8-6 M Hills (7-1) J Hills 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BO KNOWS BEST 3l 3rd to So Beguiling at Wolverhampton (7f, good to firm). Previously, 5¼l 4th to Nedlec at Yarmouth (6f 3yd, good), with TEAM DECISION (same terms) 2½l 5th. CBS RANDOLPH 8½l 4th to Jubilee at Yarmouth (7f 2yd, good), with THE LAST WASHER (same terms) 1¾l 6th.
STRANGE KNIGHT short head 2nd to Pink'n Black at Yarmouth (6f 3yd, good to firm). X MY HEART 8l 3rd to Pride Flyer in a nursery at Hamilton (6f 5yd, good). PRINCESS MAXINE shared favouritism when 12l 8th to Diamond Mine on debut in a maiden at Carlisle (5f, good).
MOMENTITO (Foaled Mar 20, cost $50,000), a half-brother by Timeless Moment to a number of winners in the United States.
Selection: STRANGE KNIGHT (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	73	328	22.3	R Perham	3	9	33.3
M Prescott	8	42	19.0	S Cauthen	89	449	19.8
J Wharton	6	39	15.4	L Piggott	5	36	13.9
C Benstead	9	60	15.0	L Newton	3	22	13.6
C Nelson	5	34	14.7	M Hills	35	278	12.6
G Lewis	9	67	13.4	M Roberts	55	451	12.2

☐ Bill O'Gorman will not declare a jockey for Trial Times in the Tudor Gate Hotel and Restaurant Nursery at Newmarket today until the last minute. O'Gorman wants Tony Ives to ride, but will use Tony Cruz if Ives cannot make 8st 13lb.

☐ There is likely to be a strong Anglo-Irish challenge for Belgium's £25,000 Grand Steeplechase of Flanders at Waregem on August 27. The 2m 7f race has attracted four English entries, headed by Biloxi Blues, and three from Ireland.

6.55 LLOYD AND McCARTHY HANDICAP (£4,620: 6f) (11 runners)

1 (9) 366005 EASY LINE 7 (CD,F,G,S) (C Potter) P Felden 8-9-11 ..... B Raymond 95
2 (2) 043060 CRAFT EXPRESS 10 (D,G) (Mrs V G Rowland) M Johnston 5-8-5 ..... M Roberts 86
3 (4) 0-34354 RUTH'S GAMBLE 25 (D,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 3-8-1 ..... J Williams 90
4 (3) 613032 HACIENDA 7 (D,F) (B Posey) R Stubbs 4-8-12 ..... L Piggott ● 99
5 (7) 306230 HIGHLAND MAGIC 14 (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-12 S Cauthen 98
6 (11) 500-000 LEVEL XING 74 (B,D,F,G) (Stanley Squires) C Allen 3-8-9 ..... Mick Denero (7) 93
7 (6) 0-52244 DORONG LAD 18 (D,G,S) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 9-8-8 ..... S Mulvey (7) 90
8 (8) 000034 HINARI VIDEO 13 (D,BF,G,S) (Mark Johnston Ltd) M Johnston 8-8-7 Dean McKeown 94
9 (10) 160640 CRONK'S COURAGE 22 (B,D,F,S) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 5-8-5 Paul Eddery 98
10 (5) 000066 TEANARCO 16 (B,D,F,S) (B Symonds) R Holder 3-8-4 ..... G Carter 93
11 (1) 456 MAHSUL 27 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 3-8-0 ..... G Duffield 90

BETTING: 3-1 Hacienda, 9-2 Mahsul, 5-1 Easy Line, 7-1 Highland Magic, 8-1 Hinari Video, 10-1 Craft Express, 12-1 Cronk's Corage, Ruth's Gamble, 14-1 others.

1990: FASCINATION WALTZ 3-8-11 G Carter (16-1) J Mackie 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

EASY LINE 5l 5th to Polonez Prima here (7f, good). HACIENDA ¾l 2nd to Maggie Siddons over course and distance (good). HIGHLAND MAGIC 3l 3rd to Sure Victory at Kempton (6f, good to firm). HINARI VIDEO ½l 4th to Playful Post at Hamilton (6f 4yd, good). MAHSUL 5l 4th to Perice on debut in a maiden over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: HACIENDA

7.25 EMPLAS TRADE WINDOWS CLAIMING STAKES (£3,915: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

1 (4) 164261 TOP OF THE BILL 15 (D,F,G) (F Golding) N Callaghan 4-9-6 ..... B Raymond ● 99
2 (6) 00-4054 AFRICAN SPIRIT 36 (C,F,G,S) (G Tufts) J Pearce 7-8-12 ..... Dean McKeown 87
3 (10) 623613 BRIGADIER BILL 20 (S) (M Bailey) Mrs G Reveley 6-8-12 ..... A Munro 94
4 (3) 04 STRIKING DISTANCE 15 (D Harris) A Stewart 4-8-12 ..... M Roberts 96
5 (11) 1-06051 IVAN THE TERRIBLE 10 (G) (J Pointon) Miss S Wilton 3-8-11 ..... F Norton (5) 95
6 (9) 035042 SHADOW BIRD 15 (B,G) (Mrs R Buxton) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-11 ..... G Carter 98
7 (7) 16-0003 ANGELICA PARK 25 (CD,F) (Parkers of Peterborough Plc) J Wharton 5-8-9 J Williams 90
8 (2) 05- WATCH TOWER BAY 381 (Mrs G Boss) R Boss 3-8-8 ..... A Mackay 76
9 (1) 4-52125 ABERFOYLE 8 (G) (Roalco Ltd) M Tompkins 3-8-7 ..... R Hills 90
10 (8) 054004 ASH AMOUR 10 (S) (T Minahan) R Williams 4-8-7 ..... W Ryan 76
11 (5) 122324 BID FOR ELEGANCE 21 (BF,G) (W Hawdinge) R Hannon 3-8-4 ..... M Hills 97

BETTING: 5-2 Top Of The Bill, 11-4 Bid For Elegance, 7-2 Shadow Bird, 7-1 Ivan The Terrible, 8-1 Brigadier Bill, 10-1 Striking Distance, 14-1 Angelica Park, 16-1 others.

1990: ANGELICA PARK 4-9-3 J Williams (10-1) J Wharton 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOP OF THE BILL beat SHADOW BIRD (2lb better off) 1l at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good), with STRIKING DISTANCE (12lb better off) 9½l 4th. AFRICAN SPIRIT 7½l 4th of 20 to Bayphia at Brighton (1m 4f, good).
BRIGADIER BILL 6l 3rd to Ross Glen at Ayr (1m 2f 192yd, good). IVAN THE TERRIBLE beat Chew It Over 1½l at Leicester (1m 1f 218yd, good). ANGELICA PARK 3¾l 3rd to Media Star at Wolverhampton (1m 6f 134yd, good to firm).
ABERFOYLE's best recent effort was when ¾l 2nd to Calgary Redeye at Yarmouth (1m 6f 17yd, firm). ASH AMOUR 4l 4th to Verberium at Beverley (1m 3f 216yd, firm). BID FOR ELEGANCE 3¾l 4th to Fancy Me at Newmarket (1m 2f, good).
Selection: SHADOW BIRD

7.55 TUDOR GATE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,698: 7f) (9 runners)

1 (4) 4180 JOHN ROSE 49 (C,F) (H Leatham) P Kelleway 9-7 ..... A Munro 93
2 (8) 524 STRONG SUIT 16 (BF) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon -3 ..... R Perham (5) 87
3 (9) 41 DANCING BEAU 42 (D,G) (L Lazarus) Mrs L Piggott -2 ..... L Piggott 96
4 (1) 241 TRIAL TIMES 13 (D) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 8-13 ..... — 87
5 (7) 1 ZAMIRAH 16 (D,G) (Mrs C Lilley) G Wragg 8-10 ..... G Carter 96
6 (3) 542411 BASSIO 60 (F,G) (Mrs S Darby) C Allen 8-7 ..... G Forster (7) 97
7 (5) 031 GAMELAN 22 (D,F) (I Lochhead) M Tompkins 8-5 ..... R Hills 96
8 (2) 030 RED KITE 48 (K Mercer) M Bell 8-5 ..... M Hills 86
9 (6) 058020 MISS PIN UP 16 (E Baldwin) Pat Mitchell 8-1 ..... S O'Gorman (3) ● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Dancing Beau, 3-1 Zamirah, 9-2 Trial Times, 6-1 Bassio, 7-1 Strong Suit, 12-1 Gamelan, 16-1 others.

1990: CAL NORMA'S LADY 9-0 W R Swinburn (9-4 fav) J S Wilson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

JOHN ROSE has disappointed since beating Blue Tiger 1½l over 5f (good to firm), here, with RED KITE (16lb better off) 7½l 8th. STRONG SUIT best effort to date was when ½l 2nd to Rodrigo De Triana at Haydock (6f, good). DANCING BEAU beat Mindomica 2l at Doncaster (7f, good). TRIAL TIMES beat Kilmelford neck at Southwell (AW, 7f, standard). ZAMIRAH beat Boogie Bopper 1½l at Yarmouth (7f 2yd, good), with MISS PIN UP (9lb better off) 7l 8th. BASSIO beat Ready To Draw 1l at Nottingham (6f, good). GAMELAN beat Little Ivor head at Catterick (7f, firm).
Selection: STRONG SUIT

8.25 CARWIN VENTURE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,776: 7f) (14 runners)

1 (1) ABLE QUEST (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 9-0 ..... B Crossley —
2 (7) 0 ALMULABBI 7 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 ..... W Ryan —
3 (5) 30 AUSTRALART 64 (Maclaine Racing) W O'Gorman 9-0 ..... T Ives —
4 (4) BALLYRANTER (G Short) H Collingridge 9-0 ..... J Quinn —
5 (12) 0 BASHOOFEK 7 (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 ..... B Raymond —
6 (2) BIGWHEEL BILL (G Cooper) J Watts 9-0 ..... Dean McKeown —
7 (10) CLIFTON CRUISER (J Mitchell) C Nelson 9-0 ..... J Reid —
8 (6) 6 DAMISTERS PET 16 (Agham House Stud) C Allen 9-0 ..... G Bardwell —
9 (3) EVERSO IRISH (W Pyrah) M Tompkins 9-0 ..... R Hills —
10 (11) MAGNIFICENT (Mrs P Yong) M Jarvis 9-0 ..... Paul Eddery —
11 (14) PROFUSION (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ..... A Munro —
12 (8) SAIF AL ADIL (H Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 ..... G Baxter —
13 (9) A A BAMBA (Sheik Michel Altherri) N Callaghan 8-9 ..... M Roberts —
14 (13) SHAKREEN (A K Al Jalleh) Mrs L Piggott 8-9 ..... L Piggott —

BETTING: 3-1 Profusion, 4-1 Bashoofek, 9-2 Shakreen, 5-1 A A Bamba, 8-1 Able Quest, 10-1 Magnificent, 12-1 Damisters Pet, Australart, 14-1 others.

1990: KOHINOOR 9-0 M Roberts (7-1) C Brittain 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BASHOOFEK 15l 14th to Mack The Knife over course and distance (good), with AMULABBI 15th of 16. AUSTRALART 5½l 3rd to Spanish Storm at Kempton (6f, good) on debut.
DAMISTERS PET 6¼l 5th to Zamirah at Yarmouth (7f 2yd, good). ABLE QUEST (Foaled Feb 28, cost 41,000gns), by Thatching out of a mare who won over 7f as a juvenile. BIGWHEEL BILL (Mar 3, 26,000gns), a Last Tycoon half-brother to 1m 2f-m 4f winner Sultan's Son. CLIFTON CRUISER (May 8, $42,000), by Miswaki out of a sprint winner. PROFUSION (Feb 18), a Rainbow Quest half-brother to smart French middle-distance winner Video Rock.
SAIF AL ADIL (Jan 24, $4,000gns), by Reference Point out of a smart juvenile 7f winner. SHAKREEN (May 5, $150,000), by Alleged out of a useful 7f winner who stayed middle distances.
No Selection

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MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.00 Cumbrian Cavalier.	2.00 Cumbrian Cavalier.
2.30 Night Transaction.	2.30 Profit A Prendre.
3.00 Prince Belfort.	3.00 Mazarine Blue.
3.30 Glass Minnow.	3.30 Killinghall.
4.00 Knight Of Honour.	4.00 Caetani.
4.30 Clurican.	4.30 Little Ivor.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 BEDALE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,488: 6f) (11 runners)

1 (8) 05624 CUMBRIAN CAVALIER 18 (S) (Cumbrian Industrials Ltd) M H Easterby 8-11 K Darley ● 99
2 (7) 163 LEONADIS POLK 42 (C,F) (The Confederacy) W Pearce 8-11 ..... Dean McKeown 84
3 (11) 000 SUPER CHARGE 30 (S) (N Hartas) M Ellerby 8-11 ..... S Morris 79
4 (1) 00 TYNRON DOON 16 (D Rogers) J Berry 8-11 ..... J Carroll —
5 (4) 0 DUBLIN LASS 11 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-6 ..... S Maloney (5) —
6 (10) 0000 FERRYCROSSTHEMERSEY 28 (Meraden & Franks) A Smith 8-6 ..... S Webster —
7 (9) 05 OFFSPRING 29 (S) (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 8-6 ..... A Mackay 72
8 (5) 060 PRIDE OF PENDLE 3 (W Imison) P Calver 8-6 ..... J Tate (7) —
9 (3) 515 RAVECINO 69 (F) (J Haldane) J Haldane 8-6 ..... L Charnock 94
10 (2) 000335 SPLENDIDLY BOLD 16 (S) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 8-6 ..... M Birch 92
11 (6) 5436 TOPCLASS LADY 57 (P Caplen) J S Wilson 8-6 ..... B Raymond 96

BETTING: 9-4 Cumbrian Cavalier, 7-2 Ravecino, 9-2 Leonadis Polk, 15-2 Splendidly Bold, 8-1 Topc[illegible] Lady, 10-1 Tynron Doon, 14-1 Pride Of Pendle, Offspring, 16-1 others.

1990: JEANS VALENTINE 8-5 J Carroll (8-11 fav) J Berry 9 ran

2.30 KIRKLEATHAM AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,868: 7f) (22 runners)

1 (12) 156531 CRONK'S QUALITY 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 8-12-7 (7ex) S Humphries (5) 82
2 (14) 430131 LUCKY NOIRE 11 (F) (Mrs C Harrison) G Harwood 3-12-5 (7ex) ..... Gaye Harwood 90
3 (6) 40-546 KAIPHAS 16 (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 4-11-13 ..... Clare Balding 91
4 (13) 4-64 ACKERS WOOD 22 R Johnson Houghton 3-11-13 ..... G Johnson Houghton 80
5 (19) 116600 PROFIT A PRENDRE 13 (CD,F,G,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 7-11-12 ..... Elaine Bronson 93
6 (3) 6-06030 MU-ARRIK 16 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-11-10 ..... G Hains (5) 88
7 (16) 108450 ZINGER 9 (V,D,S) (The Confederacy) W Pearce 3-11-8 ..... D Durrant (5) 90
8 (8) 4000-60 KAWARAU QUEEN 7 (F) (W Jardine) C Parker 4-11-4 ..... D Parker (5) 82
9 (10) 000000 RIVADAVIA 11 (D,G,S) Lord John FitzGerald 4-11-4 ..... P Von Schubert (5) —
10 (21) 0-00000 VILANIKA 41 (G) (Miss K Holden) W Holden 5-11-2 ..... Kathryn Holden (5) 94
11 (7) 0-06104 NIGHT TRANSACTION 27 (B,C,F) (A Hide) A Hide 4-11-1 ..... Lucie Hide ● 99
12 (2) 064020 MEESON TIMES 4 (F) (C Castle) B Ellison 3-11-0 ..... S Brown (5) 93
13 (5) 052344 SHAWINIGA 2 (D,F,G,S) (D Leggat) J S Wilson 5-10-12 ..... Lois Leggat (5) 90
14 (15) 3-04415 BILL MOON 25 (CD,F) (P Felden) P Felden 5-10-12 ..... Julia Felden 97
15 (11) 339204 GLENSCAR 4 (F) (S Bonsberry) J Spearing 5-10-10 ..... Teresa Spearing (5) 90
16 (20) 000000- KING PHILIP 326 (Mrs Y Stapleton) Denys Smith 4-10-9 ..... Yvonne Stapleton 81
17 (9) 3200/00 SUPREME OPTIMIST 63 (D,G,G,S) (A White) R Peacock 7-10-9 ..... Carmen Peacock (5) —
18 (22) 460240 SPANISH WHISPER 2 (C,F) (J Bostock) J Bostock 4-10-7 ..... Lydia Pearce 91
19 (4) 205-002 MISS PORTIA 22 (D Tucker) D R Tucker 4-10-7 ..... Suzie Rowe (5) 83
20 (1) 052806 MARCHING STAR 17 (S) (J Haldane) J Haldane 5-10-3 ..... Jane Dun (5) 89
21 (17) 000000 SUPREME DANCER 15 (F) (Mrs S Brook) C Tinkler 4-9-12 ..... Amanda Brook (5) —
22 (18) 0000 FRED FOR FUN 13 (S Snelling) R Thompson 5-8-9 ..... Helen Carrington (5) —

BETTING: 9-2 Lucky Noire, 6-1 Meeson Times, Kaiphas, 8-1 Night Transaction, 10-1 Profit A Prendre, 12-1 Cronk's Quality, 14-1 Mu-Arrik, Miss Portia, 16-1 Bill Moon, Shawiniga, 20-1 others.

1990: BILL MOON 4-9-12 Miss J Felden (13-2) P Felden 15 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Harwood	14	42	33.3	Miss E Bronson	4	8	50.0
A Hide	5	16	31.3	L Dettori	16	53	30.2
H Thomson Jones	21	69	30.4	R Hills	29	120	24.2
D Wilson	5	20	25.0	G Hind	9	47	19.1
M Jarvis	7	29	24.1	G Carter	12	81	14.8
Mrs N Macauley	5	29	17.2	Dean McKeown	25	182	13.7

3.00 JOHN SMITH'S BITTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,201: 5f) (6 runners)

1 (3) 20-1461 PARIOS 15 (B,G,F,G) (N Azar) J Payne 9-10 ..... B Raymond 92
2 (2) 312-001 MARAATIB 62 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-6 ..... R Hills 97
3 (4) 112254 ON THE EDGE 21 (D) (G Martin) T Barron 9-3 ..... Alex Greaves ● 99
4 (1) 6-42143 MAZARINE BLUE 55 (D,BF,F) (Mrs M Taylor) M Jarvis 8-2 ..... G Crealock 94
5 (5) 311336 SNOWGIRL 67 (D,BF,F,S) (A Slack) J Berry 8-0 ..... G Carter 91
6 (6) 042160 PRINCE BELFORT 34 (D,F) (Mrs C Sykes) M Naughton 8-0 ..... G Hind 97

BETTING: 9-4 Maraatib, 3-1 Mazarine Blue, 4-1 Parios, 5-1 On The Edge, 6-1 Snowgirl, 8-1 Prince Belfort.

1990: NAZELA 9-7 M Birch (7-1) J Payne 8 ran

3.30 DUNCAN NORVELLE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,174: 6f) (7 runners)

1 (3) 033425 KILLINGHALL 11 (Mrs M Irwin) J Watts 9-0 ..... Dean McKeown ● 99
2 (6) 4402 ABLE PRINCESS 14 (S Rose) Mrs N Macauley 8-9 ..... J Marshall (7) 80
3 (4) 6 COTTAGE GALLERY 6 (M McDonagh) W A Stephenson 8-9 ..... J Lowe —
4 (2) 22 GLASS MINNOW 24 (Mrs P J Makin) P Makin 8-9 ..... L Dettori 94
5 (7) 0-40040 IVY COTTAGE 42 (G Liversidge) J Etherington 8-9 ..... B Raymond 87
6 (1) 0550 PENNY HASSET 24 (Mrs A Hanson) M W Easterby 8-9 ..... L Charnock 83
7 (5) 020326 SALLY FAY 20 (BF) (M Easterby) M H Easterby 8-9 ..... K Darley 96

BETTING: 5-2 Glass Minow, 3-1 Killinghall, 4-1 Sally Fay, 11-2 Penny Hasset, 8-1 Ivy Cottage, 12-1 Able Princess, 20-1 Cottage Gallery.

1990: CRAVEN 8-8 M Birch (13-2) Miss S E Hall 4 ran

4.00 PAT PHOENIX HANDICAP (£2,635: 2m 3f) (7 runners)

1 (7) 6/0524 CAETANI 9 (BF,F) (G Shouler) M W Easterby 7-10-0 ..... K Darley 94
2 (2) 2-40630 APACHE PRINCE 41 (F,G) (D Hunnisett) D Morley 4-9-1 ..... Dean McKeown ● 99
3 (6) 2-05033 LINK MARKET 11 (F) (P Flavin) M Ryan 5-8-7 ..... G Carter 92
4 (3) 205201 BYE BYE BABY 3 (C,G) (R Langton) S Dow 3-8-7 (5ex) ..... B Raymond 87
5 (1) 3D42 KNIGHT OF HONOUR 13 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 3-8-1 ..... Paul Eddery 97
6 (5) 000416 SPRING FORWARD 7 (C,F,G,S) (G Whitaker) R Peacock 7-7-8 ..... J Quinn 89
7 (4) 533369 SELDOM IN 34 (Mrs V Craggs) J Wharton 5-7-7 ..... J Fanning (5) 95

Long handicap: Seldom In 7-1.

BETTING: 9-4 Caetani, 3-1 Knight Of Honour, 9-2 Link Market, 5-1 Seldom In, 8-1 Apache Prince, 10-1 Spring Forward, 16-1 Bye Bye Baby.

1990: CIRCUIT KING 4-9-1 S Perks (5-2) P Calver 4 ran

4.30 CLEVELAND MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,868: 7f) (15 runners)

1 (15) PREMIER MAJOR (Premier Properties Plc) W Pearce 9-0 ..... Dean McKeown —
2 (8) 45 SPARKLING VISION 18 (B Perry) Mrs G Reveley 8-9 ..... K Fallon 76
3 (14) 04 CLURICAN 53 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 8-8 ..... R Hills 77
4 (10) 063226 HI DOL 11 (B,BF) (V Fatah) G Lewis 8-5 ..... Paul Eddery 91
5 (9) 552 KENTUCKY RAIN 10 (N Jackson) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-2 ..... M Wood 91
6 (6) 404 PHARLANDER 22 (V) (G Graham) M H Easterby 8-2 ..... S Maloney (5) 89
7 (13) GLOWING DEVIL (P Boulandris) P Calver 7-13 ..... N Carlisle —
8 (11) 350 HILLTOWN BLUES 7 (T Dyer) M H Easterby 7-13 ..... J Quinn 80
9 (7) 025 LITTLE IVOR 7 (R Parker) Denys Smith 7-13 ..... L Charnock 84
10 (12) 0 PALACEGATE KING 31 (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 7-13 ..... G Carter —
11 (5) 4226 STAG NIGHT 31 (BF) (P Savill) C Tinkler 7-13 ..... K Darley ● 99
12 (1) 0033 VITAL VOLTAGE 23 (N Hartas) M Ellerby 7-13 ..... S Morris 85
13 (4) 0 SING ANOTHER 31 (W Barker) Mrs G Reveley 7-11 ..... J Lowe —
14 (3) 406 KATIE'S DREAM 34 (Churchill Stud) P Felgate 7-8 ..... F Norton (5) 98
15 (2) 0 STOPROVERITATE 102 (J Clark) S Norton 7-8 ..... J Fanning (5) —

BETTING: 4-1 Stag Night, 9-2 Hi-Doll, 11-2 Kentucky Rain, 6-1 Little Ivor, 7-1 Pharlander, 8-1 Sparkling Vision, 10-1 Katie's Dream, 12-1 Vital Voltage, 14-1 Premier Major, Clurican, Palacegate King, 20-1 others.

1990: KEVINSBELLE 7-4 N Kennedy (11-4) E Eldin 7 ran

☐ Andrew Tucker leads the Whitelane apprentices' series thanks to the victory of First Avenue in round three at Pontefract yesterday. The prize is two weeks with trainer John Vietch in Florida.

☐ Hokusai, trained by Henry Cecil, will run in the nine-furlong Del Mar Derby on mrf on August 18. The colt, third to Marju in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot, will then join Bobby Frankel.

HAYDOCK PARK

MANDARIN

6.10 Scimitarlia. 6.40 Make Music. 7.10 Duckington. 7.40 Sea War. 8.10 Green Medina. 8.40 Sharp Chief.

THUNDERER

6.10 Scimitarlia. 6.40 Pretorian Guard. 7.10 Gabbiadini. 7.40 Sesame Seed. 8.10 Green Medina. 8.40 Pallium.

Michael Seely: 7.40 Nikitas.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.10 Gabbiadini.

GOING: FIRM (WATERING)
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.10 BOUNCING CASTLE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,489: 1m 3f 200yd) (3 runners)

1 03 MANWAH W Hern 8-11 ..... W Carson 3
2 MISS TEALEAF M Johnston 8-11 ..... T Quinn 2
3 2 SCIMITARLIA (BF) H Cecil 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery 1

8-11 Scimitarlia, 11-10 Manwah, 16-1 Miss Tealeaf.

6.40 PUNCH AND JUDY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,691: 5f) (7)

1 263 MAKE MUSIC (B) J Berry 9-0 ..... J Carroll 5
2 TROVE Mrs N Macauley 8-12 ..... L Dettori 1
3 6205 PRETORIAN GUARD D Moffatt 8-9 ..... C Hodgson (5) 2
4 0 NORTH FLYER B McMahon 8-5 ..... S Sanders (7) 4
5 3332 FAROOTS (BF) C Tinkler 8-5 ..... M Birch 6
6 0 SHMOOZY M W Easterby 8-5 ..... G Hind 7
7 ON THE HOP A Stringer 8-2 ..... J Fortune 3

2-1 Faroots, 7-2 Make Music, 5-1 Pretorian Guard, 13-2 Shmoozy, 8-1 Trove, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 24 winners from 59 runners, 40.7%; R Charlton, 3 from 9, 33.3%; B Hanbury, 11 from 49, 22.4%; Miss A Whitfield, 3 from 15, 18.8%; W Hern, 8 from 46, 17.4%; M Naughton, 5

Staying afloat on the West Indian wave

SIMON BARNES

IT WAS the neatest conjuring trick you could hope to see. One minute there was not a black face to be seen at the Oval, save on the pitch. The next, 500 Brits of Caribbean descent materialised in the stands, all of them exuberantly and wholeheartedly failing Norman Tebbit's cricket test.

How is this magic worked? It is a process at which the West Indies cricket team is the complete master. No other side in the history of the game has managed the same thing so often and so gloriously. It is the Great West Indian Wave: the Caribbean mastery of the domino effect: the ability to surf on a wave of destruction.

Once the thin end of the wedge has been inserted, time and again West Indies whack it home with a succession of shattering blows, until the opposition is split asunder.

There were times yesterday morning and early afternoon, when the game seemed almost to be drifting; the West Indian bowlers seemed — well, not innocuous but a long way from dominant. The game meandered on, in its tough, serious way, the fast bowlers switched every hour as they have been for decades.

Then there was a hairline crack in the England side, and, in 19 hair-raising minutes of high-octane emotion, the game changed. Morris was clobbered on the helmet, and then faced the most ruthless examination sport can produce.

Three wickets fell in rapid succession. It was one of the classic high-adrenalin bursts that has become the keynote of West Indian cricket. Wickets seem never to fall as single spies, always in battalions.

No matter where the game takes place, the Wave affects everyone in the ground. England supporters watched in horrified fascination, unable to tear their eyes away. West Indian supporters roared in ever-mounting delight. The fielders are carried along by the Wave and rise to extreme pitches of brilliance at catching and appealing. The bowlers up their intensity with every ball, and every clattering wicket is greeted with dances and high tens and glorious salutations — something other sides imitate but can never match.

The Wave affects the batsman. If every one in the opposing side is expecting a wicket every ball, how can he be immune? Fear of failure and fear of injury rise, intermingled and inextricable. Batting in the midst of it all must be the loneliest job in sport. You cannot seek comfort from your partner, for he is probably feeling even worse than you.

The Wave certainly affects the umpires as well. When the *game is raised to* such a phenomenally high pitch, no one human can be immune. The umpires are surrounded by a sea of emotion, an expectation — a *certainty* — that a wicket will fall in every over bowled. Only the best umpires can keep their decisions cool under such emotional pressure.

In this series, England have managed to offer some *limited resistance to the* West Indian Wave. Yesterday, Smith and Ramprakash stuck their fingers in the dyke and held the tide back, for a long while, at three wickets.

No England innings has been quite without its hero this year: every burning deck has had its Pringle, DeFreitas or Lewis. There has been no defeatism. There has been honour and courage in every match, including the two defeats. Perhaps this is Gooch's greatest achievement of the summer.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Time and tide: Gooch swings at a lifter from Marshall before being submerged in a sudden swell of intensity

RUGBY UNION

RFU will act over inter-club moves

By PETER BILLS

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU), expressing its horror yesterday at the growing number of clubs revealing illegal approaches for their players, is to take action over the practice, in an effort to stop a trend it sees as a serious threat.

Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, speaking in the light of reports in *The Times* from Leicester and Wasps about the dubious activities of some officials from certain clubs, said: "Let there be no mistake, the truth will out. We are going to have to act because my first reaction is horror that such things are happening. We must stop these people ruining the game, *because it will ruin rugby* if it is allowed to continue uninterrupted."

Wood appealed to clubs and officials involved to divulge the information investigating officers will require in order to stamp out the practice. He was optimistic that action will succeed.

"We will be in touch with the two clubs whose coaches have spoken out," he said. "But we have to get people to give information about these activities. Peter Yarranton, this season's president of the RFU, said last season to clubs offering illegal incentives: 'Beware, the rugby union will act'."

"We won't leave this alone because people are reacting against it. I think they will be prepared to speak out. We know it is going on, for people are being silly over the league competition. Usually it is those outside the game who have not been brought up in rugby seeking power by buying players."

Wood also admitted that a change in the regulations concerning player movement would not be considered. He pointed out that there have been changes in the rules concerning league rugby every season since the inception of the competition, and this would continue to be the case. His concern, and that of the relevant committee, would be to protect those players who make genuine moves to other clubs for such reasons as job relocation. "But you could do this in all sorts of ways, and I can see the pressure for changes in this area," Wood said.

"It is very unpalatable and a very unattractive situation for have certain individuals being allowed by their club committees to go out and get them better players."

Wood promises to make a substantial fuss about the affair to those clubs involved.

Meanwhile Jeremy Guscott, the England centre, has scotched rumours that he will miss the entire season at club level and could be about to turn professional. Guscott has been astonished that a simple remark about seeking a short break at the conclusion of the World Cup has become the basis for reports that he will shortly join a rugby league club.

Guscott said yesterday: "I want a break after the World Cup, but being realistic the longest it could be is a few weeks. I want to continue playing for England in the five *nations' championship* starting in January and Geoff Cooke would not select someone who had not played for three months.

"My break from rugby may be as short as one week."

Predators see their chance as leaders slip up again

By IVO TENNANT

EDGBASTON (final day of three): Surrey (22pts) bt Warwickshire (5) by 67 runs

FOR Warwickshire, this week has been a chastening time. Thrashed first by Worcestershire, their cricket in this match was about as inadequate as their own pitch. Asked to make 235 in 56 overs, they were unable to see out the day. In both innings they scored 167, hardly batting which *wins championships.*

Warwickshire do have a 50-point lead at the top of the table, but there are predators in wait. Surrey, joint second with Nottinghamshire, have two matches in hand and, for as long as Waqar Younis stays free of injury, have every chance of winning them. He took four more wickets yesterday, had figures of nine for 97 in the match, and was ably supported by Feltham and Martin Bicknell.

At least Warwickshire should have Donald back today at Northampton after a back injury. What they need most of all, though, are runs and a better pitch on which to make them. Only Moles stayed in for any length of time before he played round a ball of full length from Feltham for the second time in the match.

For the rest, lapses in *concentration were not totally* to blame. Ostler, for example, was singularly unfortunate in slipping on the turn when sent back by Reeve.

Warwickshire also had to contend with Waqar, the one bowler who has been more devastating this summer than Donald. He was too quick for Ratcliffe and although Moles and Lloyd saw him off, he came back for a second spell that was quicker still. Piper was taken at second slip and Small and Munton had their stumps wrecked.

Otherwise, Lloyd shuffled into a straight ball from Bicknell and there were two more wickets for Feltham, who had Reeve caught at the wicket and bowled Asif Din, whose hoick was a wild as they come. Feltham's seven wickets and 83 runs without being out in a low scoring contest was match-winning stuff.

So, too, was Darren Bicknell's unbeaten 75 with 10 fours and a violent half century by Greig, who crashed 10 fours off 57 balls. When he was out, it was to the first over of spin in the match. His declaration came shortly afterwards and ultimately was proved to be well timed. There were 4.5 overs remaining when Warwickshire's resistance, such as it was, was spent.

The road back for Malcolm

ENGLAND'S selectors have given some strong hints regarding their winter touring party with a 13-man A team squad for two one-day matches against Sri Lanka at Old Trafford next week (Alan Lee writes).

Mike Watkinson, the Lancashire all-rounder, and Steve Marsh, Kent's wicketkeeper-batsman, are significant inclusions in a party designed with the World Cup in mind. Three recent Test players, Hick, Malcolm and Illingworth, are also reintroduced.

The side will be captained not by Neil Fairbrother, as was widely predicted, but by Martyn Moxon of Yorkshire.

ENGLAND A: M D Moxon (Yorkshire, captain), G A Hick (Worcestershire), T R Ward (Kent), N H Fairbrother (Lancashire), N Hussain (Essex), P Johnson (Nottinghamshire), M Watkinson (Lancashire), S A Marsh (Kent), R K Illingworth (Worcestershire), R A Pick (Nottinghamshire), D G Cork (Derbyshire), P M Such (Essex), D E Malcolm (Derbyshire).

Derbyshire deal a blow to Essex's title pretensions

By JACK BAILEY

DERBY (final day of three): Derbyshire (21pts) bt Essex (4) by 199 runs

VICTORIES do not come fairer or squarer than this. Derbyshire's first win over Essex since 1967 was so resounding that the match was finished before tea, only a praiseworthy few of Essex's batsmen putting up more than token resistance.

Malcolm, bowling fast but *wildly, accounted for four wick*ets at considerable expense, Base made good use of a fair but still lively pitch during his first bowl of the game; young Cork took two more valuable wickets to give him a match analysis of ten for 78. Derbyshire left the field treading on air.

They had every right. Twenty-four years is a long time to wait, but that was not all. Even more satisfying for them was the comprehensive nature of their win and the all-round competence they displayed. They looked a team that believed in themselves whereas Essex emphatically did not. From Barnett, their captain, to Cork, the hero of the hour, they showed an infectious determination.

It would be nice to think that Cork will be allowed to develop naturally. As long as Barnett is left to guide him carefully he *could well be knocking on* England's door before too many seasons have passed.

It was Cork who set Essex on the slide after Barnett had declared and left them to make 375 to win at just under four runs an over. Seymour was the victim of clever captaincy and good bowling when, for the second time in the match, he was caught by Barnett at silly mid-off. Seymour's tendency to thrust forward in front of his pad had been noted.

This was not a mortal blow; but he removal of Prichard and Malik to good catches by O'Gorman, at third slip and square leg respectively, when both had settled, were crucial to Derbyshire's cause. Stephenson remained rock-like in defence and displayed the same resolution as he had with his bowling on Wednesday. Unfortunately, it failed to inspire others, for Hussain emerged from lunch and in the first over hooked Base irresponsibly down long leg's throat. When Stephenson himself was caught behind off something nearly unplayable, it was as good as over.

Knight survived long enough to show a sound technique. Otherwise for a side bidding for the championship, Essex had a poor match. They must gird their loins. Derbyshire appear already to have girded theirs.

Fledgling revels in a dusty pitch

By RICHARD STREETON

LYTHAM ST ANNES (final day of three): Northamptonshire (21pts) beat Lancashire (2) by 53 runs

SIX wickets for Andy Roberts, the fledgling leg-spin bowler, brought Northamptonshire only their second win this season yesterday and inflicted a setback to Lancashire's championship aspirations. A below-strength Lancashire side, set 351 to win in what proved to be 102 overs, found it too much on a dusty, turning pitch.

Apart from a third-wicket stand between Lloyd and Fairbrother, the main Lancashire batsmen never threatened *to mount a sustained* challenge. The match, though, was unexpectedly taken into the final hour with late resistance by Fitton and Hegg. Fitton, an off-spinner who bats left-handed and was playing his first championship game this season, struck the ball cleanly as he made a career-best 60 at No. 8.

Northamptonshire's previous win this year came against Worcestershire on June 6 and owed everything to their batsmen in a run chase. This time they looked to their slow bowlers. Cook, the left-arm spinner, tended to lack control but bowled better than his figures suggest. It was Roberts, however, with constant variations of pace, turn and trajectory, who provided Lancashire with insolvable problems.

Roberts has only a handful of first team games behind him, but finished with six for 72 from 23.3 overs. He had taken only seven wickets in eight previous matches this year, with best figures of four for 63 against Gloucestershire at Luton. Built on Tich Freeman lines, Roberts approaches the wicket with a semi-circular run-up and at different times bowled both round and over the wicket.

By lunch Lancashire's chances were already in the melting pot with Mendis and Fowler gone. The day had begun with some acceptable manoeuvring as Lancashire continued their first innings for a further ten minutes before they declared and Northamptonshire then forfeited their second innings.

Fairbrother and Lloyd reignited Lancastrian hopes as they added a watchful 94 in 25 overs. Fairbrother was caught behind when he tried to cut a ball too close to his body and Roberts followed with three quick wickets as tea approached.

Fitton declined caution and hit a six and eight fours as he reached his fifty from 41 balls. Lancashire needed 83 when the last twenty overs began, but Fitton was immediately caught at silly point and the end soon came.

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Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Essex

DERBY *(final day of three): Derbyshire (21pts) beat Essex (4) by 199 runs*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 180 (T D Topley 5 for 79)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett b Stephenson	91
P D Bowler c Salim b Andrew	56
J E Morris c Salim b Andrew	36
T J O'Gorman c Prichard b Stephenson	28
S C Goldsmith not out	60
S J Base c Hussain b Stephenson	3
C J Adams c Garnham b Andrew	17
†K M Krikken run out	3
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 4, nb 13)	24
Total (7 wkts dec)	318

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-145, 2-193, 3-203, 4-262, 5-275, 6-308, 7-318.

BOWLING: Foster 9-1-41-0; Andrew 17.3-2-71-3, Topley 14-0-65-0; Childs 17-6-48-0; Stephenson 23-2-86-3.

ESSEX: First Innings 124 (D G Cork 8 for 53)

Second Innings

A C Seymour c Barnett b Cork	0
J P Stephenson c Krikken b Base	35
P J Prichard c O'Gorman b Mortensen	11
Salim Malik c O'Gorman b Base	27
N Hussain c Goldsmith b Base	12
N V Knight c Krikken b Malcolm	24
†M A Garnham b Malcolm	0
T D Topley lbw b Cork	9
N A Foster c Krikken b Malcolm	24
S J W Andrew not out	2
J H Childs b Malcolm	19
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 8)	12
Total	175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-16, 3-54, 4-91, 5-94, 6-103, 7-119, 8-154, 9-154

BOWLING: Mortensen 8-2-30-1; Cork 8-2-25-2; Base 14-3-34-3; Malcolm 14.2-1-84-4.

Umpires: R A White and P B Wight.

Sussex v Notts

EASTBOURNE *(final day of three): Sussex (3pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (8)*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 403 for 7 dec (B C Broad 158, R T Robinson 95, P Johnson 52)

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Robinson b Stephenson	65
D M Smith b Stephenson	10
*P W G Parker b Hemmings	24
A P Wells c Pollard b Hemmings	8
M P Speight c French b Afford	10
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Afford	2
†P Moores c Pollard b Hemmings	12
A C S Pigott c and b Afford	12
B T P Donelan st French b Afford	32
I D K Salisbury not out	19
A N Jones c French b Salisbury	9
Extras (b 7, lb 9, nb 4)	20
Total	241

Score after 100 overs: 235-9.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-88, 3-98, 4-111, 5-121, 6-134, 7-147, 8-193, 9-212.

BOWLING: Stephenson 16.3-5-26-3; Pick 5-1-20-0; Evans 5-2-22-0; Hemmings 35-12-88-3; Afford 37-15-69-4.

Second Innings

N J Lenham c Robinson b Afford	26
D M Smith c Randall b Afford	46
*P W G Parker c Randall b Afford	2
A P Wells run out	73
M P Speight not out	37
A I C Dodemaide not out	0
Extras (lb 8, nb 1)	9
Total (4 wkts)	193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-88, 3-91, 4-193.

BOWLING: Stephenson 11-0-29-0; Pick 6-2-17-0; Evans 7-2-12-0; Hemmings 34-10-77-0; Afford 35-17-50-3.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and R Palmer.

Lancs v Northants

LYTHAM *(final day of three): Northamptonshire (21pts) beat Lancashire (2) by 53 runs*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 450 for 6 dec (N A Stanley 132, A J Lamb 125, K M Curran 89)

Second Innings forfeited

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis b Taylor	4
G Fowler lbw b Lamb	24
G D Lloyd lbw b Lamb	26
G Yates not out	28
*N H Fairbrother not out	13
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 1)	3
Total (3 wkts dec, 26.4 overs)	100

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-55, 3-74.

BOWLING: Taylor 8-0-33-1, Baptiste 7-1-15-0; Cook 2-0-3-0; Roberts 2-2-0-0; Lamb 3.4-0-29-2; Fordham 4-0-18-0.

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Ripley b Cook	19
G Fowler c Lamb b Curran	24
G D Lloyd c Fordham b Roberts	79
*N H Fairbrother c Ripley b Taylor	38
N J Speak b Roberts	13
†W K Hegg c Baptiste b Curran	37
I D Austin c Curran b Roberts	0
J D Fitton c Fordham b Roberts	60
G Yates c Curran b Roberts	0
P J W Allott b Roberts	6
P J Martin not out	5
Extras (b 5, lb 8, nb 3)	16
Total	297

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-47, 3-141, 4-178, 5-185, 6-193, 7-269, 8-281, 9-286.

BOWLING: Taylor 17-5-54-1; Baptiste 11-4-30-0; Cook 22-8-79-1; Curran 15-3-49-2; Roberts 3.3-7-72-6.

Umpires: A A Jones and A G T Whitehead.

Leics v Yorks

LEICESTER *(final day of three): Leicestershire (5pts) drew with Yorkshire (6)*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 300 for 2 dec (N E Briers 114, T J Boon 102)

Second Innings

T J Boon not out	29
*N E Briers not out	51
Extras (lb 3, nb 3)	6
Total (no wkt dec)	86

BOWLING: Hartley 3-1-7-0; M A Robinson 4-1-11-0; Pickles 2-0-9-0; Kellett 2-0-3-0; P E Robinson 5-0-30-0; Metcalfe 3-0-23-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 74 for 3 dec (BOWLING: Millns 9-1-33-1; Mullally 10.4-1-35-1; Maguire 3-1-3-1)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c Hepworth b Millns	12
A A Metcalfe lbw b Millns	2
D Byas not out	122
†R J Blakey c Whitaker b Millns	2
P E Robinson c Briers b Millns	9
S A Kellett b Millns	3
C S Pickles c Potter b Millns	0
P Carrick c Benson b Hepworth	61
P J Hartley b Hepworth	2
J D Batty not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 4, nb 5)	17
Total (8 wkts)	234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-19, 3-21, 4-49, 5-53, 6-53, 7-208, 8-214.

BOWLING: Mullally 9-2-20-0; Millns 22-6-59-6; Maguire 14-2-53-0; Wilkinson 12-3-35-0; Potter 7-1-20-0; Benson 4-1-9-0; Hepworth 11-3-29-2; Boon 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and D O Oslear.

Somerset v Worcs

WESTON-SUPER-MARE *(final day of three): Somerset (8pts) drew with Worcestershire (5)*

SOMERSET: First Innings 340 for 8 dec (R P lefebvre 100, N D Burns 96)

Second Innings

S J Cook c Rhodes b Illingworth	38
P M Roebuck b Radford	6
A N Hayhurst lbw b Stemp	13
*C J Tavaré st Rhodes b Stemp	11
R J Harden not out	74
†N D Burns run out	0
G D Rose not out	24
Extras (lb 4, nb 4)	8
Total (5 wkts dec)	174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-60, 3-68, 4-82, 5-88.

BOWLING: Radford 5-0-25-1; Newport 6-2-25-0; Lampitt 3-0-8-0; Illingworth 6-2-7-1; Stemp 7-0-23-2; D'Oliveira 5-3-10-0; Moody 3-1-5-0; Curtis 5-1-31-0; Bant 3-1-5-0; Rhodes 1-0-30-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 250 for 6 dec (T M Moody 77, S J Rhodes 53)

Second Innings

*T S Curtis lbw b Trump	55
P Bent st Burns b Graveney	66
G A Hick c Harden b Trump	24
T M Moody lbw b Trump	12
D B D'Oliveira st Burns b Trump	9
†S J Rhodes c Tavaré b Graveney	26
N V Radford b Trump	0
R K Illingworth st Burns b Trump	9
S R Lampitt st Burns b Graveney	7
P J Newport not out	6
R D Stemp not out	0
Extras (lb 16, nb 1)	17
Total (9 wkts)	232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-110, 2-149, 3-171, 4-176, 5-181, 6-181, 7-215, 8-219, 9-232.

BOWLING: Rose 5-2-15-0; Hallett 9-1-34-0; Hayhurst 4-1-15-0; Graveney 29-5-87-3, Trump 16-2-48-6, Roebuck 5-1-17-0.

Umpires: B Hassan and B J Meyer.

Millns: first six wickets for Leicestershire

Kent v Hampshire

CANTERBURY *(final day of three): Kent (7pts) drew with Hampshire (6)*

KENT: First Innings 290 (S A Marsh 73, T R Ward 65, R M Ellison 61)

Second Innings

T R Ward c Nicholas b Connor	50
V J Wells c Ayling b James	28
N R Taylor not out	59
G R Cowdrey b James	12
M V Fleming b Middleton	23
*†S A Marsh st Aymes b Middleton	2
R M Ellison not out	19
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 1)	10
Total (5 wkts dec)	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-86, 3-108, 4-154, 5-184.

BOWLING: Shine 6-1-23-0; Connor 10-1-39-1; James 12-0-44-2; Ayling 3-2-1-0; Nicholas 4-0-15-0; Smith 4-0-28-0; Middleton 4-0-41-2.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 241 (T C Middleton 66; T A Merrick 4 for 67)

Second Innings

V P Terry b Merrick	7
T C Middleton c Marsh b Davis	28
K D James c Marsh b Penn	15
D I Gower c Ward b Davis	40
C L Smith c Taylor b Davis	2
*M C J Nicholas run out	15
J R Ayling c Wells b Ellison	17
†A N Aymes not out	48
R J Maru not out	21
Extras (lb 1, nb 4)	5
Total (7 wkts)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-43, 3-55, 4-77, 5-92, 6-116, 7-131.

BOWLING: Merrick 17-2-54-1; Igglesden 8-1-10-0; Penn 8-0-32-1; Fleming 9-2-24-0; Davis 15.4-4-62-3; Ellison 4-0-13-1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and K J Lyons.

Warwicks v Surrey

EDGBASTON *(final day of three): Surrey (22pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by 67 runs*

SURREY: First Innings 206 (M A Feltham 89 not out; D A Reeve 4 for 54)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	75
R I Alikhan c Ostler b Benjamin	0
M A Lynch c Ostler Small	1
D M Ward c Munton b Small	14
G P Thorpe lbw b Benjamin	17
*I A Greig b Smith	52
M A Feltham not out	14
Extras (b 2, lb 11, w 6, nb 3)	22
Total (5 wkts dec)	195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-7, 3-32, 4-69, 5-172.

BOWLING: Small 19-7-28-2; Benjamin 19-4-84-2; Munton 17-7-46-0; Reeve 4-1-23-0; Smith 3-2-3-1; Lloyd 2-0-20-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 167 (A J Moles 53; Waqar Younis 5 for 47; M A Feltham 4 for 41)

Second Innings

A J Moles b Feltham	37
J D Ratcliffe b Waqar	9
*T A Lloyd lbw b M P Bicknell	17
D P Ostler run out	25
D A Reeve c Sargeant b Feltham	7
Asif Din b Feltham	2
N M K Smith not out	40
†K J Piper c Lynch b Waqar	2
G C Small b Waqar	6
T A Munton b Waqar	4
J E Benjamin c Lynch b Alikhan	11
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total	167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-63, 3-63, 4-97, 5-97, 6-107, 7-117, 8-137, 9-145.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 18-5-50-4; M P Bicknell 15.1-3-56-2; Murphy 7-2-30-0; Feltham 11-2-28-3.

Umpires: B Dudleston and R C Tolchard.

John Bull Bitter Under-19 match

England Under-19 v Australia Under-19

TRENT BRIDGE *(England Under-19 won toss): Australia beat England by five wickets*

ENGLAND UNDER-19

R J Warren c Barr b Kasprowicz	1
M Loye c Hayne b Cook	3
*J P Crawley st Gilchrist b Blewett	20
S F Smith c Hayne b Barr	6
M Lathwell c Gilchrist b Cook	31
W P C Weston run out	5
R Irani b Barr	31
G Welch c Blewett b Kasprowicz	55
†A D Shaw run out	0
M Bainbridge b Kasprowicz	3
M Broadhurst not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 15, nb 1)	20
Total (52.1 overs)	183

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-9, 3-43, 4-45, 5-67, 6-95, 7-143, 8-145, 9-167.

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 9.1-4-11-3; Cook 11-2-37-2; Barr 11-1-39-2; Blewett 10-1-66-1; Castle 11-3-29-0.

AUSTRALIA UNDER-19

G Blewett b Broadhurst	19
G Hayne c Shaw b Welch	22
D Martyn b Welch	43
K Roberts c Lathwell b Smith	11
A Gilchrist not out	47
M Fraser c Weston b Bainbridge	3
C Linhart not out	20
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 10, nb 3)	19
Total (5 wkts, 46 overs)	184

G Barr, M Kasprowicz, S Cook and D Castle did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-80, 3-98, 4-122, 5-132.

BOWLING: Broadhurst 11-1-46-1; Irani 8-0-39-0; Welch 9-2-34-2; Bainbridge 11-3-31-1; Smith 7-1-28-1.

Umpires: N T Plews and H D Bird.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwicks (5)	17	8	4	5	44	48	220
Surrey (9)	15	6	2	7	32	42	170
Notts (14)	15	5	2	8	40	50	170
Essex (2)	15	5	4	6	47	42	169
Derbyshire (12)	14	5	2	7	29	50	158
Lancashire (6)	15	5	4	6	42	35	157
Kent (16)	17	4	1	12	41	41	146
Gloucs (13)	16	4	5	7	26	36	126
Glamorgan (8)	16	3	3	10	33	40	121
Sussex (17)	17	2	2	13	44	45	121
Worcs (4)	15	3	2	10	35	34	117
Hampshire (3)	16	2	5	9	41	43	116
Northants (11)	16	2	4	10	34	42	108
Somerset (15)	16	1	2	13	48	31	95
Yorkshire (10)	15	2	3	10	37	22	81
Middlesex (1)	15	0	7	8	32	43	75
Leics (7)	16	0	5	11	28	34	62

(1990 positions in brackets)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Fifth Cornhill Test

11.0, 90 overs minimum

THE OVAL: England v West Indies.

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, 110 overs minimum

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Lancashire.

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Kent.

LORD'S: Middlesex v Derbyshire.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire.

SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Hampshire.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Essex.

MIDDLESBROUGH: Yorkshire v Sussex.

Byas stays firm for the draw

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

LEICESTERSHIRE were preparing to celebrate their first championship victory of the season yesterday when an inspired new-ball burst by David Millns left Yorkshire reeling at 53 for six in their pursuit of 313.

Millns had taken all six wickets at a personal cost of 20 runs and, with only Byas left of the specialist batsmen, Yorkshire appeared doomed. But Byas, slowly eased the match from Leicestershire's grasp with the assistance of Carrick, who made 61 of a seventh wicket partnership of 155. Byas, who *reached his century* in 262 minutes, was 122 not out at the end when Yorkshire were 234 for eight.

Harvey Trump, the young Somerset off spinner, improved his career-best figures for the second time in a week, as Worcestershire clung on for a draw at Weston-super-Mare. Hick and Moody both fell to *him* and there were four stumpings for Neil Burns as Trump and Graveney lured batsmen to destruction, Worcestershire finishing at 232 for nine.

Sussex, forced to follow on by Nottinghamshire at Eastbourne, held out for a draw without too many problems, Alan Wells scoring 73, while Kent's hopes of beating Hampshire at Canterbury were thwarted by Aymes and Maru, partners in an unbroken eighth-wicket stand of 65.

Australia won the second under-19 one-day international at Trent Bridge by five wickets, needing only 46 overs to pass England's all-out total of 183.

☐ Angus Fraser, the England and Middlesex bowler, was able to watch play at the Oval yesterday despite being involved in a head-on car crash on Wednesday evening.

PAN-AMERICAN GAMES

Fists fly as a baseball match erupts

HAVANA (Reuter) — Canada and Mexico's baseball coaches were both taken to hospital here yesterday after their players engaged in a wild brawl during an important qualifying match.

The fight, which went on for several minutes, forced the American umpire, Dan Pedersen, to suspend the game with Mexico leading 7-5 at the top of the sixth inning.

The Canadian assistant coach John Upham, and the Mexican coach, Antonio Pollorena, were both carried from the field on stretchers and rushed to hospital. Upham was treated for a suspected heart attack and Pollorena for facial injuries.

The fight erupted after a clash between Alberto Vargas, the first Mexican at bat, and the Canadian catcher, Alex Andreopoulos.

Players, coaches and officials from both teams rushed from their dug-outs to join in the melee which was the climax of an ill-tempered game as both teams fought to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for the Barcelona Olympics.

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YACHTING

Wind concertinas British

By Barry Pickthall

THE winds teased and taunted Britain's luckless Admiral's Cup yachtsmen during yesterday's final inshore race of the Champagne Mumm series, robbing the three-boat team of vital points before the start of the Fastnet finale tomorrow.

The British trio began the 40-mile race in Hayling Bay in the best possible manner with Mike Peacock's 50ft Juno and the RAF's Two Tonner, Wings of Oracle, both heading their classes after making perfect starts.

Even Port Pendennis, Lawrie Smith's One Tonner, which was forced first to re-round the outer-distance mark after crossing the line early and then performed a 720° penalty turn after hitting the mark, had recovered to challenge her Italian rival, Brava, for the lead. But the wind, blowing first from the north, died completely before swinging in from south west to concertina the three fleets.

The breeze then remained frustratingly inconsistent until mercifully shortened by the committee at mark 7, 15 miles short of the orginal 40-mile length. At the finish, the French came from nowhere, exploiting a windshift favouring those close to the Island shore to take honours in both 50-foot and Two Ton levels.

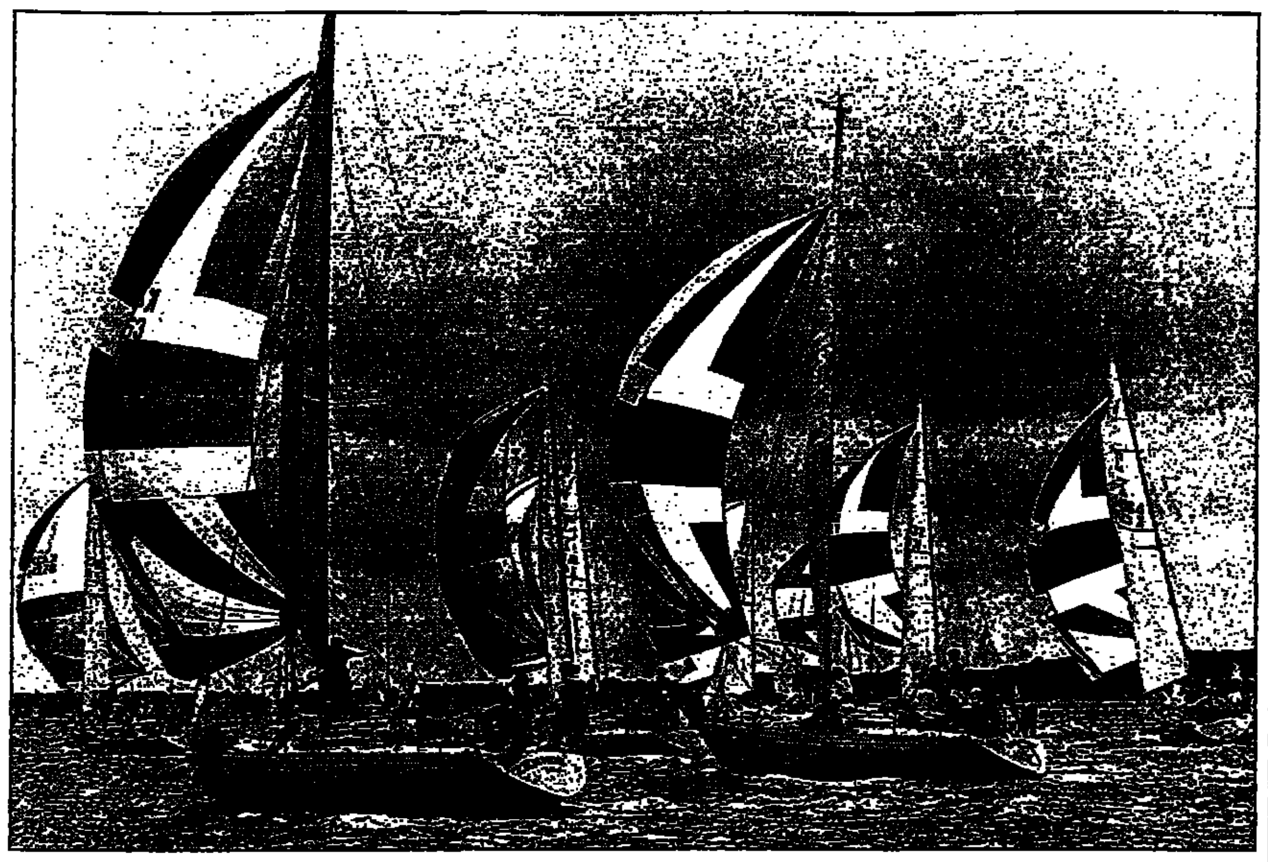
With their One Tonner fourth, the Corum team gained top points on the day to lift them to fourth overall.

Italy, who have led since the outset of this series, also did well with Brava leading from start to finish, backed up by third place scores from their 50-footer, Mandrake Krizia, and Two Tonner, Larouge. It was sufficient to extend their lead to 9.25 points, the equivalent of four places in the top-scoring Fastnet race.

The good news for Britain is that their 2,2,4 scoreline lifted them to second place ahead of the Americans. Juno, whose crew sailed a faultless race, dropping to second at the finish only through a roll of the dice by the wind gods.

Smith's Port Pendennis crew sailed equally well, overcoming their initial calamity to finish second also. Last night's positions were merely provisional.

Jain MacDonald Smith, the British team director, remained optimistic last night that Britain can still retain the Admiral's Cup. "Four places is not an impossible task. The Fastnet race promises to be a long drawn out affair favouring the better navigators and helmsmen. I suspect we British are stronger in depth than the Italians who are mainly inshore experts."



On the ocean wave: competitors at Cowes Week mass at the start, providing one of the event's great spectacles

RESULTS: Champagne Mumm Trophy: 50ft class: 1, Corum Saphir (P Mas, Fr); 2, Juno V (M McIntyre, GB); 3, Mandrake Krizia (J Kolus, It); 4, Will (T Toya, Japan); 5, Champosa VII (K Worthington, USA). Two Ton: 1, Corum Rubis (P Delhumeaux, Fr); 2, Larouge (L Bortolotti, It); joint 4, Wings of Oracle (S Childerly, GB), Unibank (V Greulich, Den); 5, Rubin XI (R Reemtsma, Ger). One Ton: 1, Brava (F de Angelis, It); 2, Port Pendennis (L Smith, GB); 3, Zurich Forsikring (J Hoest, Den); 4, Corum Diamant (X Phelipon, Fr); 5, Vibes (D Clarke, US). Team positions: 1, France (first in 50ft, first in Two Ton, fourth in One Ton), 21.50 pts; 2, Italy (3,3,1), 20.25; 3, Britain (2,4,2), 19.00; 4, Denmark (7,4,3), 13.00; 5, United States (5,8,5), 11.00; 6, Australia (6,7,7), 8.00; 7, Japan (4, DNS, 8,8), 7.00; 8, Germany (8,5,6), 6.00. Overall positions (after five races): 1, Italy, 100.63pts; 2 Britain, 91.38; 3, United States, 90.88; 4, France, 80.00; 5, Germany, 69.50; 6, Denmark, 69.00; 7, Japan, 44.25; 8, Australia, 30.00.

Festival dozen

Twelve teams have entered the first festival of amateur rugby league to be held in Wales. Swansea Uplands RFC hosts the ten-a-side competition tomorrow.

Wood disputes first place

By Alix Ramsay

IT WAS a day to improve the suntan in Cowes yesterday, but, yet again, it was no weather for racing with not enough winds to get the boats around the long courses set by the race committee. The Isle of Wight ferry had the best start of the day, crossing the line as the gun went and heading for Southampton, full steam ahead.

The black group all finished shortened courses, but sorting out the white group proved more difficult. As the breeze dropped the committee boat went off in pursuit of the becalmed day boats. There was some confusion as to whether it caught up with them in time to establish a new finishing point as some of the boats had already passed the marker buoy before the officials got there.

The most important race of the day, the New York Yacht Club Challenge Cup for the Class I IOR, did not pass without incident either. Ulrich Mathieson appeared to have won the race by under a minute on H.R.G. 5, once the handicap had been taken into account.

However, Don Wood, who had only just been beaten into second place on Red Stripe, registered a protest. He was complaining at the high handicap he had been given for the regatta. While the Cowes week handicap in this class is always a bone of contention each year, it is surprising that Wood waited until the sixth day to complain.

CHS class 2 managed to produce some competitive sailing despite the weather. Billy J. Whizz made the best start but Des Collins, on Yesl, fought back to finish more than two minutes ahead of the rest for his second win of the week.

In the Sigma 33 class, Ken Trench's Chaser yet again left them all standing. Helmed by Jonty Sherwill, they came in four minutes ahead of Toot Sweet to record his fourth win of the regatta and take the Emirates trophy. Last year, Trench finished second overall in the class, but this year, Chaser is the boat they are all chasing.

RESULTS FROM COWES

ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON AND COWES TOWN REGATTA: IOR Class I (New York YC Cup, subject to protest): 1, HRG 5 (U Mathieson, Ger); 2, Red Stripe (D Wood); 3, Teamwork (D Head). CHS: Class 2 (E and P Egan Plate): 1, Yes (M Cooper); 2, Billy J Whizz (D Collins); 3, Pro-Motion VIII (B Dolk). Class 3 (Hunting SPC Trophy): 1, Electra (RNSA, Lt-Cdr M Tattersall); 2, Notorious IV (D Tyderman); 3, Billy Can (P Mezek). Class 4: 1, Vivax (K Veriere); 2, Flair II (J MacGregor); 3, Cerf (F McKeown). Class 5 (Cowes Town Prize): 1, First Sight (T Mitchell); 2, Dementia (A Wyeth); 3, Owl (P Bruce). Class 6: 1, Transition (R Bellfield), 2, Throbber (B Watkins); 3, Jam Jam (D Kalverkamp). Lightwave: 1, Marionette (C Dunning); 2, Alvine IX (H Evans); 3, Expedite (J Eldridge). Sigma 38 (Champagne Nicolas Feuillette Trophy): 1, Arbitrator (M Crotty); 2, Wayward (D May); 3, Bullfrog (M Thorpe). Sigma 33 (Emirates Trophy): 1, Chaser (K Trench); 2, Toot Sweet (C Rhodes); 3, Woozle Hunter Too (M Mead). Contessa 32 (De Quincy Trophy): 1, Cantilena (M Prickett); 2, Super C (P Curties); 3, Binkie II (C and P Wetherall).

Daring: 1, Demon (D, H and R Acland); 2, Dauntless (P Porter); 3, Damsel (J Sheldon).

Etchells (Joanna Trophy): 1, Flamboyant (C Jago); 2, Venom (B Dunning); 3, Point Blank (J Baxter). Redwing (Barbeque Cup): 1, Prawn (M Andreae); 2, Quail (J Peel); 3, Toucan (C Samuelson). Sunbeam (CUDC Cup): 1, Jenny (A Seccombe); 2, Argosy (D Bevan-Thomas); 3, Why (E Moore). J24 (Coghlan Trophy): 1, Smokey Joe (J Clarke); 2, The Kanemba Connection (C Kearns); 3, Animal (S Haines). Dragon: 1, Monica (I Coryn); 2, Mayfly (E Williams); 3, Ganymede XI (P Wilson). Swallow (Calcott Reilly Bowl): 1, Merango (M Ewart-Smith); 2, Meridian (Sir Walter Blount); 3, Skua (I Butler). Mermaid (CTR Chairman's Cup): 1, Sheen (I MacEwan); 2, Scuttle (R French); 3, Rosemary (M Houdret). Flying 15 (Parsons Memorial Trophy): 1, Funny Face (R and J Mander); 2, Flawless (I Coryn); 3, Strega (M Blake).

XOD (Oliver Cup): 1, La Mouette (R Webb); 2, Oyster (G Palmer); 3, Wenda (P Baines). Squib (Cowes Town Prize): 1, Alfalfa (G Davys); 2, Insatiable (J and L Bibby); 3, GTP (R Somers). Victory (Culpen Cup): 1, Kestrel (K Cush); 2, Steadfast (B Middleditch); 3, Zest (K Taylor).

Food for thought from Japanese

COWES DIARY

The Fastnet is a true battle of wits as man and machine fight the elements in the race for the finish at Plymouth. Maintaining the crew becomes as important as maintaining the boat.

With this in mind, the Japanese team brought in their own chef, who just happened to be based in Cowes, to prepare the food for the crews. He has been making hundreds of rice balls. Described as the Far East's equivalent of Scotch eggs, the nourishing snack is a mixture of dried fish, pickle and rice, rolled into balls and wrapped in seaweed. This may go down well in Japan, but with half the crew aboard Will coming from the United States and Europe, it is not going down too well in Cowes.

As the teams put the finishing touches to their preparations for the Fastnet, the longest and most gruelling of all the Admiral's Cup courses, the German's plans seem to have come adrift before they have even started.

Harold Cudmore, the tactician and navigator on Rubin, has withdrawn, saying: "I can't take this long distance stuff any more." This has obviously left the German team all at sea.

But at least they can rest easy in the knowledge that their hotel reservations are confirmed for the end of the race — in Portsmouth, a mere 588 miles off course.

Age and experience do not always go together. Steve Hayles, at only 18, is possibly the youngest man to skipper a Fastnet entry. He is in charge of the eight crew members aboard Bright Sparke and, despite his lack of years, he is the man they all wanted.

The crew has been together since the beginning of the year. "Originally, it was nice to be responsible for everything," Hayles said. "At the start of the season the crew didn't know much, so they didn't notice if I got anything wrong. They know a lot more now."

Alix Ramsay

ATHLETICS

Christie goes in search of sprint credibility

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

WHETHER or not Linford Christie chooses to patch up his differences with Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, before the start of the world championships in Tokyo 15 days hence, he has a chance tonight to patch up his morale, and the public's faith in him, when he appears in the Pearl Assurance invitation meeting in Gateshead.

Christie's relationship with Dick has reached a nadir; the same goes for his street credibility in the 100 metres, because the Americans have control of the block. In the last ten days, Christie has lost three times to Leroy Burrell, twice to Carl Lewis and, most disturbingly, three times to Dennis Mitchell.

If Christie was American, nobody would be concerned that he has been skipping relay practice. On form he would be the fourth cog and replaceable. Even Mitchell is not wanted by Burrell and Lewis, who are more interested in the Santa Monica Track Club cream and brown tuxedo bodysuits than the Stars and Stripes.

Mitchell was a bystander in Monte Carlo last Saturday when Mike Marsh and Floyd Heard teamed up with their Santa Monica clubmates to equal the 4 x 100 metres world record of 37.79sec; in the Weltklasse grand prix in Zurich on Wednesday it was over to the US national team, and the record came down to 37.67.

Mitchell comes direct from playing his part in the record to Gateshead for a fourth meeting with Christie in ten days. Meanwhile Christie refuses to speak with Dick, though Dick said yesterday: "I understand that once he has Gateshead out of the way he intends to support the relay and attend practice."

However, that will not be until the team is in Tokyo. Since Christie said at the birth of the controversy, which led to him being dropped for the relay in Zurich, that he would attend practice in Tokyo, it would mean him getting his way. Whether such behaviour from a British team captain should now be forgotten, for the sake of at best a silver medal, is arguable. It is now being left to Les Jones, the team manager, to sort out.

If Colin Jackson is to take the 110 metres hurdles title, which looked likely when he ran 13.09sec in Rome last month, he will need to get rid of the infection which prevented him from finishing any higher than fifth in Zurich. Tonight he faces Renaldo Nehemiah, whose Weltklasse win was his third in succession in the grands prix.

The Africans do not look quite the handful for Britain's middle-distance runners as the Americans do for the fast-twitch men, but they are a good four fingers worth. The two miles tonight is the most compelling race of the meeting: it is a cameo Britain v Kenya, with the addition of the Moroccan, Khalid Skah.

Skah also has some patching up to do; in beating Salvatore Antibo, of Italy, in a memorable 10,000 metres in Oslo last month, he looked capable of the 5,000-10,000 double he was considering attempting in Tokyo. But Yobes Ondieki, of Kenya, blew him away when he came within four seconds of the 5,000 metres world record in Zurich.

Four of the first five from the world cross country championship are included: Skah, the winner, and the Kenyans who chased him in third, fourth and fifth — Simon Karori, Richard Chelimo and Osoro Ondoro. There is a high-powered welcoming committee: Britain's three choices for the 5,000 metres in Tokyo: Gary Staines, Rob Denmark and Ian Hamer, plus Jack Buckner, the former European champion, and John Mayock, the World Student Games winner.

Juniors sweat it out

THESSALONIKA — With temperatures in the Kaftatzoglio stadium hovering around the 30° mark, the European junior championships had their expected warm start here yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Despite the organisers attempts to schedule the timetable away from the heat of the day, the middle and long distance runners will have a hard time of it.

Steve Smith and Brendan Reilly, who have dominated European junior high jumping this summer, got through to today's final but David Jackson had an early elimination from the 100 metres.

MOTOR SPORT

McLaren silent on gearbox

From Norman Howell in Budapest

ALL the talk at the Hungaroring is about McLaren's new semi-automatic gearbox. Nobody at McLaren will say anything officially. The three cars in the pits have conventional gearboxes, but sources in the British team let it slip that an extra car is on its way.

McLaren have been testing a number of new solutions at Silverstone. Of three gear boxes, the in-house version, has been favoured over the Honda and American candidates. It is thought it will be tried out by Ayrton Senna in today's free practice session. Meanwhile, Frank Williams set the cat amongst the pigeons, by declaring that he has not made his mind up for next year, that Senna, Alain Prost and Nigel Mansell are all within his plans.

For years Williams has tried to get hold of Senna, while it is no secret that the French component of the team, Renault and Elf, would love to see Prost driving in their colours, next year. So Mansell, who has had three consecutive wins this season, might still have to do more to gain his place in the team next year.

GOLF

Carrigill produces magic of his own

By Patricia Davies

IF PAUL Carrigill was a racehorse, he might have been put down by now, or, more agreeably, put out to stud. Carrigill, however, is a professional golfer and yesterday, in the first round of the European Pro-Celebrity tournament at Hoylake, he had a 66, six under par, to take the lead.

It was the Yorkshireman's best round of the season, by far, and he could do with more like it, having missed ten cuts and earned just over £18,000, to be 123rd on the money list. In fact, he finds himself lagging some lengths behind someone going by the name of Bit-A-Magic.

Bit-A-Magic is not a Ryder Cup contender. He is a two-year-old colt part-owned by Carrigill's dad, a bookmaker, and had the honour of being ridden by Lester Piggott when winning £27,000 in a race in Italy not long ago.

The £41,660 first prize at Hoylake would do Carrigill's standing at the stables no end of good, as well as ensuring that there would be no fifth visit to the dreaded Tour school to regain his card.

Carrigill, who has been on the Tour since 1981, was last at the school in 1988. In the last two years he has been spared the agony, but his position this season is too perilous for comfort.

Yesterday, Carrigill, first out, reckoned he was still asleep when he started at the tenth tee and, semi-comatose, he began with four straight pars. "It's such a tough start on those holes, but I think not being really awake made it easier," he said.

He then woke up with three birdies in the next five holes, to go out in 33. A birdie three at the 5th (his 14th), where a seven-iron held on to the back of the green and he holed from 35 feet, was the only slice of luck and he finished in style with birdies at the 8th and 9th.

Carrigill's nearest challenger was Paul Broadhurst, the Midlander, who had a 67 and who, like the Yorkshireman, did not drop a shot. Ronan Rafferty, in affable form, with his sore shoulder kept in shape by the sunshine, shrugged off a double bogey six at the 12th to lie comfortably in the group on 68.

EARLY FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 66: P Carrigill. 67: P Broadhurst. 68: J Hobday, R Rafferty, M McLean. 69: B Nelson (US). 70: K Waters, N Hansen, S Bowman, A Binaghi (It), C O'Connor Jnr. 71: W Riley (Aus), G Ryall, D Cooper, G J Turner (NZ), K Trimble (Aus), G Day (US), C Mason, M Clayton (Aus). 72: D J Russell, A Sherborne, E Darcy, G Turner, D Smyth, R Winchester, T Levet (Fr), P Fowler (Aus), D James, S Hamill, D Llewellyn, N Briggs, J Morgan.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ice man appeals

TONY Hand, Britain's leading home-bred ice hockey player, flew from Scotland to London yesterday to appeal personally against an eight-game ban imposed after failing drug tests.

He also presented evidence on behalf of a Murrayfield Racers colleague, Steve Combe, similarly penalised.

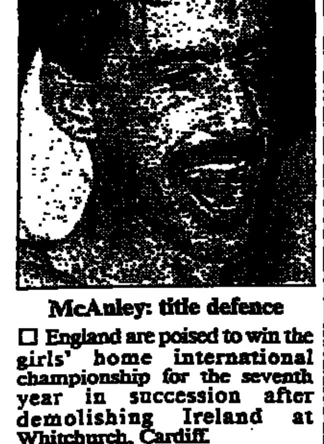
CYCLING: Steve Farrell, from Stoke, has been called into Great Britain's amateur road team for the world championships in Stuttgart next week, replacing John Hughes, who broke a wrist while riding in Germany.

Professionals: Road: R Millar, M Elliott, D Rayner, C Sturgess, H Lodge, W Bennington. Track: Sturgis (pursuit), T Doyle and S Wallace (points).

BOXING: Dave McAuley is to defend his IBF world flyweight title against the South African, Jake Matlala, at the Maysfield Leisure Centre, Belfast, on September 7.

☐ Colin McMillan makes the first defence of his British featherweight title against Kevin Pritchard at York Hall, Bethnal Green, on September 4.

GOLF: The European women's tour has lost another late season tournament through lack of sponsorship with the cancellation of the inaugural Irish Open Championship scheduled for Malahide in September.



McAuley: title defence

☐ England are poised to win the girls' home international championship for the seventh year in succession after demolishing Ireland at Whitchurch, Cardiff.

TENNIS: The Regional Challenge, a series of winter tournaments for juniors which began three years ago, was relaunched yesterday with new backing from Adidas.

BOWLS: Tony Allcock, the defending champion, lost 21-20 to Bob Provan in the third round of the Bournemouth Open tournament singles yesterday, after leading 20-12.

POLO: Portugal will host its first international tournament from September 5 to 8 at the Quinta da Marinha country club near Cascais.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ZURICH: Weltklasse grand prix: 100m: 1, L Burrell (US), 10.04sec; 4, L Christie (GB), 10.26. 100m B: 1, A Mahorn (Can), 10.32; 2, C Callender (GB), 10.36. 100m C: 1, A Dees (US), 10.15; 5, J Regis (GB), 10.35. 200m: 1, M Johnson (US), 20.08; 3, Regis, 20.16. 400m: 1, D Everett (US), 44.42. 800m: 1, J-L Barbosa (Bra), 1min 43.75sec; 5, P Elliott (GB), 1:44.27. 800m B: 1, P Ruto (Ken), 1:44.97. 1,500m: 1, N Morceli (Alg), 3:31.00; 3, S Cram (GB), 3:34.67. 1,500m B: 1, R El Basir (Mor), 3:37.40; 2, K McKay (GB), 3:38.00. 5,000m: 1, Y Ondieki (Ken), 13:01.82. 110m hurdles: 1, R Nehemiah (US), 13.22; 5, C Jackson (GB), 13.40. 400m hurdles: 1, S Matete (Zam), 47.10. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, M Kiptanui (Ken), 8:13.08; 3, T Hanlon (GB), 8:17.43. 4 x 100m relay: 1, United States 37.67 (world record); 3, Britain, 38.64. High jump: 1, C Austin (US), 2.40m; equal 3, H Conway (US), T Kemp (Bah), D Grant (GB), A Partyka (Pol), A Ortiz (Sp), 2.25m. Shot: 1, W Günthör (Switz), 20.99m. Discus: 1, K Kashmiri (US), 65.56m. Javelin: 1, J Zelezny (Cz), 86.78m; 2, S Backley (GB), 87.16. Women: 100m: 1, M Ottey (Jam), 10.87. 200m: 1, I Sergeyeva (USSR), 22.21. 1,500m: 1, N Artyomova (USSR), 3:59.16. 3,000m: 1, L McColgan (GB), 8min 43.77sec. 100m hurdles: 1, N Grigoryeva (USSR), 12.51. 400m hurdles: 1, S Gunnell (GB), 53.61. Long jump: 1, L Berezhnaya (USSR), 7.13m.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland A's 8, Seattle Mariners 1; California Angels 8, Minnesota Twins 1; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Baltimore Orioles 2; Toronto Blue Jays 5, Detroit Tigers 2; Chicago White Sox 10, New York Yankees 2; Kansas City Royals 2, Boston Red Sox 0; Texas Rangers 12, Cleveland Indians 10.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Cincinnati Reds 0; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Chicago Cubs 4 (11); San Francisco Giants 1, Atlanta Braves 0; New York Mets 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; Montreal Expos 1, St Louis Cardinals 0; San Diego Padres 7, Houston Astros 4.

GOLF

BRITISH SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN: Leading first-round scores: Prestwick: 71: C Hanland (Huddersfield); D Frame (Worplesdon). 74: C Green (Dumbarton), K Bruce (US). 73: M Little (Cotswold Hills), P Coste (Fr). 76: J Montgomerie (Cathcart Castle), St Nicholas: 69: B Cawthray (Bradford), I Hughes (Abergele and Pensarn), G Clark (Whitley Bay). 69: R Coogan (South Beds). 70: J Jack (Cawder). 71: W Buckley (Grange); G edward (Bramborough); E Hammond (Kirby Muxloe). 72: B Moyers (US); P Belsham (Ashford).

BOWLS

BOURNEMOUTH: Open tournament: Singles: Third round: R Provan bt A Allcock, 21-20. Fourth round: A Applegate bt D Lambert, 21-20; J Hanes bt D Hayne, 21-5; P Whiteley bt I Bond, 21-19; D Shipp bt N Leigh, 21-18; B Sictorness bt J Searle, 21-15; W Gathercole bt R Ridout, 21-14; M Ward bt R Johnson, 21-14; S Shepherd bt J Robison, 21-15; P Coles bt W Gower, 21-15; B Taylor bt J Webley, 21-10; C Garment bt I Middlemast, 17-20 (Middlemast conceded); S Remington bt P Robbins, 21-19; R Provan bt J Lucas, 21-17; G Harvey bt L Rodwell, 21-17; I Crook bt D Pentor, 21-17; R George bt A Blackhall, 21-17; C Martin bt M Osborne, 21-9; G Baker bt D Matthews, 21-16; P Hobday bt B Lee, 21-18; M Dare bt B Vallis, 21-20; A Blake bt J Waterfield, 21-11; S Warren bt O Tucker, 21-12; K Magson bt N Mackereth, 21-12; A Smith bt P Bryce, 21-15; D Wilson bt G Hutton, 21-11; D Colbourne bt G Lingwood, 21-15; B Hunt bt C Macmillan, 21-13; D Le Marquand bt C Ward, 21-14; G Clark bt D Bishop, 21-18; P Gandey bt J Stanley, 21-16; W Hayward bt B Smith, 21-19; M Lomas bt A Synnet, 21-18.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Liverpool Victoria Insurance women's national championships: Fours: Second round: Marlow bt Oxford C and C, 19-14; Bolton bt Buckhurst Hill, 20-19. Singles: First round: P Madden bt M Player, 21-13; E Bessell bt W Spicer, 21-10; S Andrews bt B Noble, 21-15; D Davey bt L Wilmot, 21-7; V Thompson bt C Walker, 21-6; P Mills bt S Chamberlain, 21-16; I Foote bt L Green, 21-1; J Searle bt S Smith, 21-14; A Snelling bt M Shaw, 21-11; P Berrold bt J Shepherd, 21-18; N Greenwood bt M Insley, 21-18; L Jensen bt O Henery, 21-18; J Walters bt K Evetts, 21-1; L Young bt J Wells, 21-14; J Baker bt A Case, 21-15; J Lee bt M Gallers, 21-4; M Price bt A Porter, 21-18; J Cooper bt J Jones, 21-17; M Fisher bt E Payne, 21-14; A Baker bt J Wainwright, 21-18; B Mackerness bt B Hackett, 21-14; M Osborne bt M Gearey, 21-12; J Evans bt L Maynard, 21-11; J Cleet bt M Taylor, 21-10; L Green bt C Saint, 21-10; J Carge bt Y Groom, 21-5; J Phillips bt M Wiggins, 21-16; P Acaster bt N Hatzdecine, 21-17; J Williams bt A Quick, 21-18; J Mitchell bt J Soughton, 21-19; P Kirk bt W Davis, 21-17.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Mildenhall: Suffolk 212-4 dec (S M Clements 93 not out, M J Peck 53, R O Butcher 60). Staffordshire 139-5 (A D Hobson 61). Dorchester: Dorset 147-6 dec and 217-6 dec (G D Reynolds 52, G F Calway 62). Cornwall 111 and 135 (F R Walbridge 4-38). Dorset won by 118 runs.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Southgate: Nottinghamshire 264 and 0-0. Middlesex 244 (P N Weekes 74, P A Radford 93, M Saxelby 4-55). Guildford: Warwickshire 255-7 dec (D R Brown 111 not out, A R K Pierson 88 not out, A Robson 4-50). Surrey 186-2 (J D Robinson 70 not out). Chelmsford: Lancashire 349-3 dec (S P Titchard 83 not out, T M Orrell 81, J E R Gallian 81, T E Jesty 79). Essex 149-3 (J J B Lewis 57 not out). Ammanford: Glamorgan 188 (R Pearson 4-68). Northamptonshire 107-4. Southampton: Hampshire 205 and 49-2. Kent 201-5 dec (M C Dobson 85 not out). Taunton: Somerset 251-8 dec and 201-6 dec (G White 91). Gloucestershire 113 and 162 (A R Caddick 8-32). Somerset won by 177 runs. Headingley: Sussex 282-8 dec (K Greenfield 83, I Houseman 6-58). Yorkshire 205-5 dec (B Parker 72 not out). Worcester: Worcestershire 248 (C M Tolley 101, V Welsh 4-81) and 24-1. Leicestershire 205 (G J Parsons 75, Tolley 4-56).

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

In Havana, Cuba

ARCHERY: Men: 70m: 1, D Pace (US), 322pts. Women: 80m: 1, D Parker (US), 325pts.

ATHLETICS: Finals: Men: 110m hurdles: 1, C Clark (US), 13.71sec 5,000m: 1, A Barrios (Mex), 13min 34.97sec. Women: 100m hurdles: 1, A Lopez (Cuba), 12.99. Discus: 1, B Hechevarria (Cuba), 63.50m.

BASEBALL: Mexico 3, Nicaragua 1; Dominican Republic 4, Canada 3; United States 12, Aruba 0; Cuba 8, Antilles 3.

BASKETBALL: Men: Brazil 81, Mexico 59; Venezuela 84, Cuba 70. Women: Canada 81, Argentina 61; Brazil 90, Cuba 87.

CYCLING: Men: 1km time trial: 1, G Samuel (Trin), 1min 5.496sec.

DIVING: Women: 1m springboard: 1, J Schlabach (US), 256.5pts.

EQUESTRIANISM: Women: Individual dressage: 1, L Stubbs (Can), Firmus, 1,270pts.

FENCING: Men: Team foil: 1, Cuba; 2, United States; 3, Canada.

FOOTBALL: Surinam 1, Honduras 1, United States 3, Canada 1.

HOCKEY: Men: Cuba 3, Venezuela 1.

SHOOTING: Men: Individual free pistol: 1, V De La Cruz (Cuba), 653pts. Team free pistol: 1, Canada, 1,628pts. Individual rapid fire pistol: 1, J McNally (US), 877pts. Team rapid fire pistol: 1, United States, 1,733pts. Team Trap: 1, Canada, 417pts.

SOFTBALL: Men: Dominican Republic 4, Argentina 0; Antilles 2, Panama 1; Cuba 13, Bahamas 2; United States 4, Mexico 2; Canada 16, Aruba 0. Women: Venezuela 9, Nicaragua 2; United States 7, Bahamas 0; Canada 5, Puerto Rico 1, Cuba 8, Antilles 0.

WATER POLO: United States 10, Brazil 3, Cuba 13, Canada 3

WEIGHTLIFTING: 1, P Lara (Cuba), 341kg. 82.5kg: 1, E Lara (Cuba), 342kg.

GLIDING

UVALDE, Texas: World championship: Eighth day: Open (3hr "post"). 1, J-C Lopitaux (Fr, Nimbus 4), 116.9kph/337.9kmu, 983 pts; 2, G Lherm (Fr, Nimbus 4), 116.6/337.9, 982; 3, R Haggenmuller (Austria, Nimbus 3D), 114.6/335, 969. British: R May (ASH-25), 108.6/316.7, 907. Overall: 1, K Holighaus (Ger, Nimbus 4), 7496 pts; 2, Lherm, 7297; 3, Lopitaux, 7288. British: 19, May, 6615. 15 metre (3hr "post"): 1, P Cerny (Cz, Ventus B), 117kph/343km, 976 pts; 2, T Hagnander (Swe, LS6-B), 114/333, 947; 3, G Ax (Swe, LS6-B), 110/333, 920. British: 9, J Wills (LS6), 107/321, 902; 13, C Garton (LS6-C), 104/303, 884; 19, M Wells (LS6-C), 100/283, 820. Overall: 1, R Prat (Fr, LS6-C), 7378 pts; 2, G Gerbaud (Fr, LS6-C), 7363; 3, D Jacobs (US, LS6-B), 7340; 4, Wills, 7326. Other British: 9, Garton, 7175; 12, Wells, 7034. Standard (3hr "post"): 1, J Trzeciak (Pol, SZD-55), 107kph/322km, 898 pts; 2, F Kepka (Pol, SZD-55), 107/322, 893; 3, J Romers (Nor, LS-7), 105/313, 880. British: 15, A Davis (Discus), 93/263, 758; 23, D Watt (ASW-24), 88/235, 699. Overall: 1, J Aboulin (Fr, ASW-24), 7422 pts; 2, B Selen (Neth, Discus), 7351; 3, Trzeciak, 7321. British: 13, Davis, 7096; 20, Watt, 6938.

EQUESTRIANISM

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW: Kerrygold Classic: 1, N Skelton (GB), Alan Paul Apollo, 0 faults, 40.32sec; 2, E Macken (Ire), Welloniorone, 0 faults, 41.60; 3, E Coupene (Fr), Equine V de Dampiere, 0 faults, 43.58.

TENNIS

ALBUQUERQUE: Virginia Slims tournament: First round: G Fernandez (US) bt P O'Reilly (US), 5-7, 6-1, 6-4. E Reinach (SA) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Second round: K Adams (US) bt K Quentrec (Fr), 7-6, 4-6, 7-6; L Ferrando (It) bt B Bowes (US), 6-0, 6-2; M Pierce (Fr) bt T Ignatieva (USSR), 6-1, 6-4.

RAMAT HASHARON, Israel: Satellite tournament: Men's singles: Second round: C Bailey (GB) bt O Casey (Ire), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; D Ison (GB) bt A Fadlun (Isr), 6-3, 6-4. Women's singles: Second round: Y Klompenhouver (Neth) bt V Humphreys-Davies (GB), 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; B Griffiths (GB) bt D Coral (Isr), 6-0, 7-6; C Hall (GB) bt A Moll (Pol), 6-3, 6-4.

TORONTO: Women's tournament: Second round: J Capriati (US) bt E de Lone (US), 6-4, 6-0; N Tauziat (Fr) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-1, 6-0; K Maleeva (Bul) bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-3, 6-3; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt K Rinaldi (US), 6-2, 7-6; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; S Gomer (GB) bt M Werdel (US) 6-3, 7-5; J Watanabe (US) bt J Salmon (GB), 6-0, 6-1; N Zvereva (USSR) bt P Hy, Canada, 5-7, 6-1, 7-5. Third Round: H Sukova (Cz) bt M Endo (Japan), 6-1, 6-0; G Sabatini (Arg) bt H Kelesi (Can), 7-6, 6-2.

MASON, Ohio: ATP tournament: Second round: G Forget (Fr) bt M Ondruska (SA), 6-2, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt G Stafford (SA), 6-2, 6-0; A Agassi (US) bt P Korda (Cz), 7-5, 2-6, 6-2; I Lendl (Cz) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-1, 6-3; M Washington (US) bt A Krickstein (US), 6-1, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt D Visser (SA), 6-1, 6-3; B Gilbert (US) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-2, 7-5; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-4, 6-1; W Ferreira (SA) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-4, 6-2; G Pozzi (It) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-4, 7-5; D Rostagno (US) bt C Garner (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; D Wheaton (US) bt A Gomez (Ec), 7-5, 6-2; P Sampras (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 7-6, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-3, 6-1.

YACHTING

RIMINI: 420 world championship: Overall (after four races): 1, S Irish and G Irish (GB), 27.7pts; 2, Lodos and Garcia (Sp), 54; 3, Kalch and Gureutis (Isr), 59. Other British: 46, D Edwards and S Brewer, 201; 51, C Neil and W Kibble, 213; 73, I Jameson and J Gay, 286; 76, D Bull and B Staite, 303; 79, J Gorrod and D Collier, 311; 86, V Hayter and R Wilder, 321.

MARSTRAND, Sweden: International 505 world championship: Race six: 1, Pinnell and Darling (GB); 2, Bergstrom and Hallberg (Swe); 3, Nicholson and Nicholson (Aus). Other British: 7, Loveday and Ward; 8, Barker and Ironmonger. Final positions: 1, Bergstrom and Hallberg, 22pts; 2, Pinnell and Darling, 25pts; 3 Schonherr and Kaempe (Den), 44.7pts. Other British: 9, Barker and Ironmonger; 15, Loveday and Ward; 18, Robinson and Richardson.

NORWAY: Snipe world championship: 1, G Svensson (Swe); 2, B Janson (Nor); 3, S Ropoll (Arg). British placings: 38, N Martin, disqualified, M Smith.

SQUASH RACKETS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open: Second round: Men: R Eyles (Aus) bt D Harris (Eng), 15-7, 10-15, 15-9, 15-8; B Martin (Aus) bt P Marshall (Eng), 10-15, 15-11, 15-11, 17-15; C Walker (Eng) bt B Beeson (Eng), 9-15, 15-9, 12-15, 15-9, 15-9; Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt R Graham (Eng), 12-15, 15-7, 15-11, 15-13; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt A Adarraga (Sp), 13-15, 17-15, 16-11, 15-9; R Martin (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus), 15-6, 15-10, 12-15, 15-6; C Dittmar (Aus) bt M Saams (Eng), 15-11, 11-15, 15-8, 15-8; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt S Parke (Eng), 15-9, 15-9, 15-5. Women: S Wright (Eng) bt N Soten (Aus), 17-16, 15-5, 11-15, 15-7; L Irving (Aus) bt R Macree (Eng), 17-15, 15-5, 15-4; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt C Owens (Aus), 15-10, 15-9, 15-11; M Maran (Aus) bt R Best (Ire), 15-12, 15-10, 15-10; D Drady (Aus) bt S Bradey (Aus), 15-11, 15-12, 15-12; R Lambourne (Aus) bt D Holleran (US), 15-5, 15-11, 15-10; L Opie (Eng) bt B Hoogendoorn (Neth), 17-15, 11-15, 12-17, 15-13, 15-13; S Devoy (NZ) bt F Geaves (Eng), 15-17, 15-8, 15-7, 15-10.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

ATHLETICS: IAAF International meeting (Gateshead).

BOWLS: English women's national championships (Leamington Spa). Open Tournament (Bournemouth). County matches: Wiltshire v Lensbury (at Devizes).

CYCLING: Kellogg's Tour of Britain (Buxton to Manchester to Liverpool).

EQUESTRIANISM: British Open horse trials (Gatcombe Park); Dublin horse show.

FOOTBALL: Pre-season matches (7.30 unless stated): Aston Villa v Wolverhampton (Paul Birch testimonial); Cork City v Sunderland (KO 7.15); Cambridge Utd v Luton; Leeds v Potofoga; Oxford Utd v Coventry; Portsmouth v Sheffield Wed; Southend v West Ham; Waterford Utd v Birmingham; Watford v QPR; Southampton v Real Sociedad.

GOLF: British Seniors championship (Prestwick).

POLO: (3.0): National 16 goal championship (Cirencester Park); Daily Telegraph Pony Club championship (Cowdray Park); Scone Palace tournament (Perth); Taunton tournament (Taunton).

SNOOKER: Strachan professional championship qualifying rounds (Stoke).

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite National League: First division: Belle Vue v Coventry (7.30). Berwick v King's Lynn (8.0); Oxford v Eastbourne (7.45). Scottish individual Open championship (Edinburgh, 7.15).

SWIMMING: ASA National age group championships (Coventry).

YACHTING: Admiral's Cup (Solent); Cowes Week (Cowes).

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English batsmen respond to a test of purgatory

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (first day of five; England won toss): England have scored 231 for four wickets against West Indies

ENGLAND emerged unbowed, if not unscathed, from as daunting a day as they have faced all summer. Despite sustaining casualties in a fraught middle session, they retain as good a chance of winning this fifth and final Cornhill Test match as they had when it began, and that is quite something.

The pitch offered the West Indian fast bowlers the pace and bounce they crave and they exploited it to excess. Their performance in dawdling through 23 overs during the two hours between lunch and tea was cynical, even allowing for two injury breaks. It allowed Curtly Ambrose to bowl through it unchanged before he shamelessly retired for a 55-minute rest.

The short ball was so overdone, both by Ambrose and Walsh and without noticeable comment from the umpires, that there were precious few balls which could be scored from. When three wickets were lost for eight runs this Test seemed destined to follow the snowballing England decline of so many before.

That it has not, so far, done so, is an eloquent tribute to Robin Smith, playing here with a flaked right index finger but batting with the courage, commitment and skill with which he has invariably confronted these opponents. His previous first-innings scores in this rollercoaster series were 54, 148 not out and 64 not out; yesterday he added an unbeaten 54 in three-and-a-half hours and England's prospects of making sufficient runs to win depend heavily on him doubling that today.

For England, this opening day was a case of a sandwich made with tasty bread but a wholly unpalatable filling. Gooch and Morris shared 112 for the first wicket, the biggest opening stand by either side in the series. Smith later added 68 with Ramprakash and 43 with Stewart.

Between times, came two hours of purgatory. Morris and Ramprakash were both hit by Ambrose during a spell which brought him two for 15 in 11 overs. There were times when he employed the bouncer three times or more in an over and the pace of the game eventually became so unacceptably slow that, after tea, the umpires, Kitchen and Holder, called Richards across, presumably to instruct him to speed things up.

His response was to employ his token spin bowler, Hooper, for the last 15 overs from the pavilion end, a spell in which he took the wicket of Ramprakash and spun the ball enough to encourage Philip Tufnell. Even so, it took West Indies until 6.40pm to complete the 90-overs quota and, tense though the cricket had been, the crowd became restless enough to begin the wretched Mexican Wave.

It was, of course, a capacity crowd, the demand being such that the streets outside the Oval were lined with touts. Surrey's efforts to make West Indies feel at home extended to a steel band in the courtyard and chicken-and-rice stalls among the food counters. Gooch was not so keen to make them welcome and, as ever, his contribution was monumental.

He cannot have chosen to bat without some trepidation, for the pitch was a patchwork of grassy clumps and bare spots. I have seldom seen so much suspicious prodding of the surface during the first half-hour of a Test and, inevitably, the deliveries which hit the greener patches took off, some alarmingly. But if England were to win, with the side they have chosen, they had to bite the bullet.

England's previous three opening stands produced four, six and two. This one negotiated some stormy waters, Morris being missed at gully, when only six, and Gooch more than once eluding close catchers by only an agonising margin. But both were stoically in line with everything, taking some bruises for their bravery, and when they did find gaps they ran tigerishly.

Morris did wonderfully well for one whose confidence must have been shredded by four consecutive failures against the West Indians and, when he was allowed on to the front foot, he drove resoundingly. He had made 44 when Ambrose caught him a fearful blow on the right of his jaw and followed up with another savage bouncer. He survived both but, next over, gloved a catch to short leg.

Atherton was out fourth ball, to the sort of unplayable delivery he seems to attract. He retreated forlornly, his record now a mortifying six single-figure scores in the series. Perhaps, for his own good, he ought not to have been picked here.

Three overs later Gooch was adjudged leg-before to Ambrose. It was on line to hit leg stump but might have been high. Gooch left reluctantly, but his aggregate for this series is now 451 at an average of 65 and his position at the head of the Deloittes world ratings may not be far from the truth.

Ramprakash has not failed to survive an hour in any of his Tests but nor has he escaped from the twenties. He was not to break the sequence, Hooper having him taken at short leg after he had offered some quality driving. Smith, berating himself after every ball, battled vividly through to the close with Stewart, who ignored some verbal jousting from Ambrose.

Botham would not have come in had another wicket fallen. He had been sick yesterday morning, with the virus which discounted Pringle from selection, and spent much of the day on the dressing-room couch. Plainly a case of new boy's nerves which, hopefully, he will be over this morning.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Taking the blow: Morris reels after being struck by Ambrose at the Oval yesterday

OVAL SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch lbw b Ambrose *Playing back as ball cut in*	60	–	4	208	132
H Morris c Lambert b Ambrose *Reflex shot lobbed ball to short leg*	44	–	4	189	130
M A Atherton c Hooper b Walsh *Gloved rising ball to second slip*	0	–	–4	4	
R A Smith not out	54	–	6	203	131
M R Ramprakash c Lambert b Hooper *Inside edge looped to short leg*	25	–	3	104	78
†A J Stewart not out	19	–	–	84	85
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 1, nb 17)	29				
Total (4 wkts, 90 overs, 401min)	231				

I T Botham, P A J DeFreitas, C C Lewis, D V Lawrence and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112 (Gooch 53 not out), 2-114 (Gooch 54), 3-120 (Smith 0), 4-188 (Smith 36).

BOWLING: Ambrose 24-6-48-2 (w1) (8-2-20-0, 11-4-15-2, 5-0-13-0); Patterson 18-3-67-0 (nb5) (6-2-18-0, 6-1-19-0, 4-0-24-0, 2-0-6-0); Walsh 20-3-51-1 (nb8) (7-0-18-0, 6-2-12-1, 7-1-21-0); Marshall 12-2-31-0 (nb7) (6-1-18-0, 6-1-13-0); Hooper 16-0-23-1 (one spell).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 50 in 69 mins, 15.1 overs. Lunch 82-0 (Gooch 44, Morris 24) in 27 overs. 100 in 156 mins, 34.4 overs. Tea at 129-3 (Smith 3, Ramprakash 5) in 50 overs. 150 in 265 mins, 54.4 overs. 200 in 348 mins, 76.1 overs.

WEST INDIES: P V Simmons, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, C L Hooper, *I V A Richards, C B Lambert, †P J L Dujon, M D Marshall, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh, B P Patterson.

Umpires: J W Holder and M J Kitchen.

PREVIOUS MATCHES: Headingley (June 6 to 10): England won by 115 runs. Lord's (June 20 to 24): Match drawn. Trent Bridge (July 4 to 9): West Indies won by nine wickets. Edgbaston (June 25 to 29): West Indies won by seven wickets.

Rising above the law's fine line

JOHN WOODCOCK

FINDING a pitch with some bounce in it, the West Indies fast bowlers had a fine old time of it in the fifth Test match yesterday, aiming, more or less as often as they liked, at the batsmen rather than the stumps. There is really no positive answer to the way Ambrose and Walsh bowled during the afternoon — after West Indies had had a barren morning — and it is because there is not that Law 42 is written in the way it is.

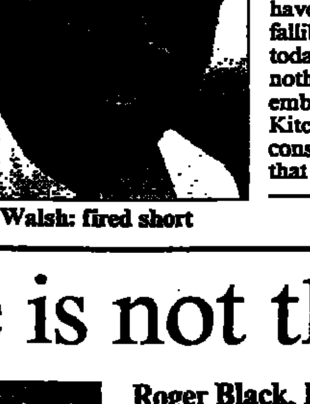
"The bowling of fast short-pitched balls is unfair if it constitutes an attempt to intimidate the striker. Umpires shall consider intimidation to be the deliberate bowling of fast short-pitched balls which by their length, height and direction are intended or likely to inflict physical injury on the striker."

That is the wording of the law. It is perfectly explicit, and there is no possible doubt whatever that there were times at the Oval yesterday when it was being infringed. When the West Indians were taking even longer than five minutes to bowl an over, the umpires suggested they should get a move on; the brutality, so far as one could see, they ignored.

It was only to be expected that Morris should come under special fire. It was right and proper that his nerve and mettle should be thoroughly tested, so long as the way in which it was done came within acceptable limits, and by lunchtime Gooch knew he had found a kindred spirit. Twice, early on, Morris ran the first run to long leg as though determined, if there was half a chance, to come back for two, and there is little enough of that in English cricket. He got resolutely into line and, after Ambrose had split his helmet with a ball that flew at him from not far short of a length, he came back for more. In his years playing club rugby in Wales — as a youth he kept Paul Thorburn out of the Welsh Students side — the fiercest of finals would not have been like this.

Although a less shameless ploy than the coloured clothing, white ball and black sightscreens which the Test and County Cricket Board are to introduce for the Sunday league, the electronic screen being used for this Test match is also, of course, a gimmick.

In Australia, where the first one was installed, at Melbourne in 1982, such video screens have proved a mixed blessing. They are unaesthetic and expensive, but a potentially rich source of advertising revenue. Australian umpires have come to hate them, almost every decision they make being scrutinised and rescrutinised by the fielding side, the spectators and, very often, by the departing batsman. They are, at one and the same time, a trap and a diversion.



Walsh: fired short

When slow-motion replays first appeared, during the Wimbledon tennis championships, it was considered fairer on the umpires and line judges not to repeat disputed calls. But soon they were being shown over and over again. Similarly, much less care is taken in Australia now.

There could well be trouble one day when a match is seen to be decided, by, for example, an incorrect run-out decision, shown to a full house on a large screen. Had Frank Chester or any of the best umpires of days gone by been subjected to what has sometimes been called trial by television, I have no doubt they would have been found to be just as fallible as their counterparts today. At the Oval yesterday, nothing was shown, I think, to embarrass Messrs Holder and Kitchen, but it will require constant vigilance to see that that is always so.

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Woosnam sets pace of a British charge

From MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
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Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	343	4	10	453	4
2	432	4	11	533	5
3	196	3	12	395	4
4	457	4	13	180	3
5	600	5	14	468	4
6	195	3	15	507	5
7	441	4	16	469	4
8	438	4	17	212	3
9	525	5	18	445	4
Out	3,627	36	In	3,662	36
Total yardage: 7,289				Par: 72	

IAN Woosnam made an aggressive start to the 73rd US PGA Championship with a first round of 67, five under par, on the Crooked Stick course here yesterday. It was exactly what the Masters champion required to extinguish any thoughts of being unable to capture his best form in this championship.

In 1986 he began with an 86 and twelve months later the Welshman laboured to scores of 78 and 79. Indeed, Woosnam threatened that unless he liked the course, he would refuse all future invitations to compete in this championship.

Yet he put such thoughts to the back of his mind as he stylishly overcame the challenge of a course whose menacing reputation was effectively stifled by a bout of low scoring, with the American, Kenny Knox, also scoring 67 to share the early lead with Woosnam.

Woosnam was not the only British player to excel, as Sandy Lyle, with a flawless outward half of 34, launched with some determination his promised attempt to bring to an abrupt halt his barren run of three years.

What is more David Feherty made an impressive start to his first US PGA Championship and Steven Richardson showed commendable resilience following an indifferent start to claw his way back into contention.

Woosnam, who completed his round before Nick Faldo and Severiano Ballesteros teed off, made a wonderful start when, at the 1st, an innocuous hole compared with the 17 that follow, he hit a wedge to within two feet of the cup for a tap-in birdie. He drove into a fairway bunker at the 2nd but escaped with a par, although at the 3rd he could not recover after an errant drive.

Then, with a spring in his step, Woosnam transformed his round as he began to strike the ball with the crispness that has made him one of the most magnetic players on the fairways.

At both the 8th and 11th holes, he hit approaches to four feet. He has, in recent weeks, been concerned about his touch on the greens, although by coaxing both of those putts home he appeared to recover his confidence.For he followed a putt of 20 feet for a birdie at the 13th with one of 12 feet for another at the next. Then he sank a putt of 15 feet for another birdie at the 16th where officials used a wind-blowing machine to clear the putting surface of fallen leaves.

Woosnam set himself a difficult task at the 17th, where he pulled his tee shot into a cavernous bunker. But he splashed the ball out to within nine feet of the cup from where he holed.

At the 18th, he came within a whisker of holing his 7th successive single putt, when from 35 feet he narrowly missed another birdie.

Feherty and Richardson were paired together alongside Mark Calcavecchia, the 1989 Open champion.Feherty pulled his opening tee shot, but made his par. Out in 37, he made three birdies in the first four holes from the turn as Richardson, also out in 37, repaired with some style the damage caused by a six at the 9th.

Richardson had a birdie at the 11th and two more at the 14th and 15th, after dropping a shot at the 13th.

It was wonderful to see Lyle enjoying life again on the fairways. Birdies at the 2nd and 3rd provided him with the perfect start and, out in 34, he stayed on course for a good score with four successive pars from the turn.

Woosnam said: "If I continue to drive the ball well, I have every chance of winning the title. If I don't hit it well off the tee then I could be shooting 80s out there."

☐ The Daikyo Women's World Championship of Golf will be held at the Paradise Palms course in north Queensland from October 4-6, officials announced yesterday.

It will be only the second occasion that the tournament has been held outside the United States. The event will feature an invited field of 16 of the world's leading women golfers, including the winners of the five top events on the United States LPGA tour and the Canadian Open.

EARLY FIRST-ROUND SCORES

US unless stated
67: K Knox, I Woosnam (GB).
69: T Purtzer.
70: S Pate.
72: M Hulbert, T Nakajima (Japan), D Love III.
73: R Wolcott, M Brooks, P Blackmar, T Kite.
74: B Upper, G Farrow, D Frost (SA), P Senior (Aus), S Elkington (Aus).
75: F Marello, R Kawagishi (Jap), S Bentley, E Schulz, J D Blake, D Barr (Can), T Simpson.
76: T Wargo, B Fleisher, J White.
78: M Baum.
81: G Wolff.
85: B Passons.

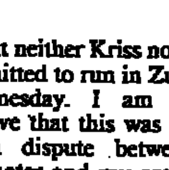
Nancarrow fined and given a suspension

TRISTAN Nancarrow, of Australia, and Austin Adarraga, from Spain, have received $850 (£500) fines and bans from the players' association for their behaviour while being beaten in the world open squash championships in Adelaide last week.

Nancarrow, who argued with the referee and smashed his racket against the side of the court after losing to a compatriot, Anthony Hill, starts a three-month ban from September 8. Adarraga's one-month suspension, effective from the same date, is for "aggravated behaviour" during his defeat by Ross Norman.

Ironically, both players met in the Australian Open yesterday, Nancarrow winning in four games. He now meets Jahangir Khan, a member of the committee which handed out the ban.

When an athlete is not the agent of his destiny



Roger Black, Britain's European 400 metres champion, writes on a blot in his build-up to the world athletics championships in Tokyo

TONIGHT I will run my last 400 metres race before the world championships in Tokyo. It will be especially pleasing to do this in front of a British crowd in Gateshead. The setting may not be quite as glamorous as Monaco or Zurich, but I am certain the weather will not dampen the enthusiasm of the always-appreciative Tyneside crowd.

The highlight of the meeting should be Michael Johnson's attempt at the world 300 metres record. It is a distance rarely run, but one that is tailor-made for him: he is a great talent at 200 and 400 metres; at 300 metres, he should be phenomenal.

The grand prix circuit in athletics has become highly competitive. However, the most ruthless competitors are not the athletes, but the meeting promoters and organisers. They can be found mingling around hotel lobbies, negotiating with athletes and agents to secure deals. To have the best may cost a little more, but the meeting will look a lot better, especially to sponsors and television companies.

A month ago, Kriss Akabusi and myself agreed to run at the Weltklasse in Zurich, and we incorporated it into our preparations for the world championships. Zurich is probably the most prestigious meeting of the year outside the major championships; it has a reputation for fast times, and it is often regarded as an honour to be invited to run there. When world rankings are decided, the adjudicators always look first at how an athlete performed in Zurich, and thus it directly affects an athlete's price tag.

But neither Kriss nor I were permitted to run in Zurich on Wednesday. I am led to believe that this was because of a dispute between the promoter and my agent over the participation of the Kenyan 10,000 metres runner, Richard Chilimo. Why this should result in our exclusion, or any other athlete represented by the same agent, I find hard to comprehend.

There is little point crying over spilt milk, but it has left a sour taste, especially as an innocent bystander caught up in a political disagreement.

By contrast, two days earlier, the organisers at Malmö had been only to pleased to offer me, as European champion, a fast lane at the last minute. I ran my fastest time of the year (44.71sec) and beat some of my main rivals, so, as it turned out, I have not suffered too great an athletic loss. Spare a thought for the others not so privileged.

To put the blame solely on the promoter would be unfair and naive — problems such as this arise because official contracts between athletes and meetings do not exist. We athletes are often a fickle lot and reserve the right to pull out of races or change events at the last minute. This is hardly fair when a meeting's revenue depends on our participation.

The day when contracts have to be honoured by both parties must soon come. If not, then the system will always be open for abuse.

How encouraging it is to see that the British women are emerging as our best hopes for gold medals in Tokyo. Sally Gunnell, Liz McColgan and Yvonne Murray are leading the world in their respective events and must be an inspiration for many women, who tend to get treated as second-class citizens by the sport. Sally has been particularly outstanding — two British records in the space of a week and still room for improvement.

Ben Johnson has been a familiar face on the circuit. Despite his troubled past, he has been received sympathetically. I find it embarrassing to see him struggling and I am offended by the encouragement he receives to make a lot of money for mediocre performances.

I wonder how the British fun-runner recently threatened with a life ban for failing to produce a urine sample must feel seeing Ben in action. Disillusioned, perhaps?

I've had several injections in preparation for Tokyo — for typhoid, cholera and hepatitis, I hasten to add.

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